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THE PREFACE.

Courteous Reader,

AS the Design of writing and publiſhing to the World is, or ought to be, Inſtruction and Improvement, and as the Advantage or Profit of any Knowledge or Inſtruction is to be conſidered according to the Uſefulneſs of it, ſo the more durable it is, that is, that it be ſuch as will be of the longeſt Uſe to us and ours, the more it is to be valued; in both theſe Reſpects the Knowledge of ourſelves, our Frailty, and the Shortneſs of our Time, of which too many are unmindful, will have the Prefer-

ence, both with reſpect to the Uſefulneſs of them, and their Continuance; for the due Conſideration of theſe Things will be of Advantage to us both here and hereafter, and will regulate us both with regard to our Duty to God, our own Souls, our Poſterity, and our Neighbours; they will be of ſuch real Service to us, that no Knowledge elſe, the Knowledge of God, and the Revelation of his Will excepted, can be of equal Benefit; and it was under this Conſideration that the Pſalmiſt *crys out,* Lord, make me to know mine End and the Meaſure of my Days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold thou haſt made my Days as an Hand-breadth, and mine Age is as nothing before thee: Verily every Man at his beſt State is altogether Vanity. Surely every Man walketh in a vain Shew: Surely

Pſal. xxxix. 4, 5, 6.

Surely they are diſquieted in vain: He heapeth up Riches and knoweth not who ſhall gather them. *For by duly conſidering the Shortneſs and Uncertainty of our Continuance here, we ſhall be led to improve and redeem the preſent Opportunity as a Favour from God; for it is an unqueſtionable Truth, and confirmed by daily Experience, That* it is appointed unto Men once to die, *and the Time when, or the Age whereat, we ſhall be removed hence, altogether uncertain; which occaſioned the Man of God to ſay,* Oh! that they were wiſe, that they underſtood this, that they would conſider their latter End.

Heb. ix. 27.

Deut. xxxii. 29.

The Pſalmiſt *had this in Remembrance when he recommended to our Conſideration the concluding Moments of the Righteous;* Mark the perfect

Man, and behold the Upright, for the End of that Man is Peace. Pſal. xxxvii. 37. *The great and neceſſary Work, and one Thing abſolutely and indiſpenſably needful, that Mankind of all Ranks and Ages, ought to be chiefly concerned about, during this ſhort and uncertain Time the Lord affords to us in this World, wherein we are liable to many Temptations, Afflictions, and Tribulations, in the firſt Place to know God, and in the ſecond, ſo to know ourſelves, and remember our latter End, that we may live ſuch careful, circumſpect, and godly Lives, that we may have Peace of Mind in the Concluſion, and have the Spirit of God to bear Witneſs with our Spirits that we are the Lord's, knowing by living Experience, that Chriſt in us, by his divine Appearance, is the Hope of our Glory: For we find when Death approaches, that*

what is moſt deſirable, and of the greateſt Comfort, is to be ſenſible of the Favour of God, and to be in the Enjoyment of that Peace which he gives to all thoſe who have lived godly Lives, and walked in Uprightneſs of Heart before him by that Ability given them of God, through the Gift of his Grace, which is inwardly revealed. Rom. iv. 16.

Therefore in Good-will to all, and in order that the Minds of all, to whoſe Hands theſe ſhall come, may be awakened and ſtirred up to Diligence, whilſt Health and Strength is afforded, to a due Remembrance of their latter End, that through that Grace which is given of God to all, and ſufficient in all Things when duly regarded, and the Power of it waited for, Preparation may be made for Tit. ii. 11. 2 Cor. xii. 9.

that trying Time, and that the Call of Death may not be a Surprize upon any one of us, is the End wherefore the following Collection is made publick: In which the Aged, whoſe ſtay cannot be long here, will for their Encouragement, if faithful, find expreſſed by dying Lips the great Peace, Satisfaction and Comfort, thoſe who were Aged enjoyed at their Concluſion, who had walked before the Lord in Truth and with a perfect Heart, and by his Help had done that which was right in his Sight, and retained their Integrity through all the Trials and Difficulties of this Life to the End: And likewiſe thoſe who are Middle-aged will ſee, by the Example of ſuch who were called off in that Stage, the great Benefit and Advantage thoſe received, and expreſs'd, who finiſhed their Courſe in the Strength of their Time, who were devoted in Heart to

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the Service of God, and had given up their Names to do his Will, and were faithful in anſwering his Requirings: And thoſe who are young, will ſee their Equals in Years were not exempt from the Stroke of Mortality, and by their Example may be provoked to Diligence, who were concerned to ſeek the Way of the Lord early, and an Acquaintance with him in their young and tender Years, and had taken the Advice of Chriſt our Saviour, to ſeek firſt the Kingdom of God and his Righteouſneſs, and had nothing to glory in but the Croſs of Chriſt; *and what is very affecting, the lively and ſenſible Expreſſions of ſuch whoſe Pilgrimage in this World ended when they were very young. If we ſeriouſly conſider whatſoever Station we may be in, as to this World, and though we may promiſe to*

Mat. vi. 33.

Gal. vi. 14.

ourſelves many Years, yet when the Time of Diſſolution is at Hand, and the Gates of Death open before us, and we are ready to enter into an eternal and unchangeable Eſtate, which may happen to the Youngeſt, when the Hopes of our being any longer here is taken away, we ſhall then ſee, that all we are poſſeſſed of in this World, how much ſoever it may be, can add no Comfort nor yield any Relief; then Peace with God and the Comforts of his Love, and an Inheritance in that Kingdom which fades not away, and to be received by the Lord into a bleſſed Eternity with the Spirits of the Juſt made perfect in him, theſe will be the Things to be deſired; theſe will be the Things to be ſought after at ſuch a Time as this: If thou therefore, whether Elder *or* Younger, *reads over the following Teſtimonies with Attention, they may be of Uſe to awaken*

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thee to a Conſideration of thy Condition if not already awakened, ſo as to know thyſelf, thy Frailty and Miſery without a Saviour; and if already awakened, the many lively and affecting Expreſſions herein contained, may be an Incitement to thee to purſue more fervently the Work of Salvation; and then as I received Benefit and Comfort in collecting them, ſo wilt thou in peruſing them; and the End of my Labour in tranſcribing and publiſhing them will be fully anſwered.

But before I conclude this Preface, I would earneſtly recommend, eſpecially to the Youth of our Society of both Sexes, the ſerious Peruſal of theſe following Sheets, and not of theſe only, but alſo of the other Volumes of the Dying Sayings *of many of our worthy Ancients and pious Friends heretofore publiſhed; for what can be more affecting*

feeling to tender Minds, or more prevalent with such who are religiously inclined, to stir them up to remember their latter End, and the Uncertainty of their Time, than the good Example, and lively Testimonies, Advice and Admonition, confirmed by Experience of such, of differing Ages and Stations, who through Obedience were filled with the Love of God, and Witnesses of his Favour and Goodness, when on their dying Beds, and ready to put off these earthly Houses and Tabernacles of Clay, who had an Assurance of a Building of God, a House not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens.

2 Cor. v. 1.

But let it be strictly observed, that the Tendency of these Testimonies, and Advices, of Persons near their Departure, both of the elder and younger Sort, ever hath been, that all might b:

be careful to live godly and self-denying Lives, and might take up the Cross to their own Wills and natural Inclinations, and follow the Lord Jesus Christ in the narrow Way, which leads to Life, and might wait for the Power of his Cross in themselves, to crucify them to the World, and the World to them, that so the many Enticements and Allurements of this World, with the hurtful Vanities, Fashions, Customs, and other Evils of it, might not prevail to divert the Mind from seeking after the true Knowledge of God and Christ, whom to know is eternal Life, nor cause them to be forgetful of their latter End; the frequent Consideration whereof many Times proves a Motive to a diligent Concern to be duly prepared for it; for we may find by the Testimonies of our worthy ancient

Gal. vi. 14.

John xvii. 3.

ancient Friends, how they were concerned both for their own Children and others, that they might be preſerved from the Vanities and Corruptions of the World, and thoſe fooliſh Faſhions and Fopperies of Dreſs, which are ſo prevalent with too many of the Profeſſors of Truth in our Time, as though a Conformity to the World in theſe Things were no Crime in them, though many of their Predeceſſors were called out of them, and ſuffered deeply for that Teſtimony: And in like manner the Teſtimonies and Advices of the Youth to thoſe who were their Equals in Age, were to refrain from theſe youthful Follies which would prevent them from making that due Preparation, which will adminiſter Peace in the Concluſion, in which ſome of them had been enſnared by their Soul's Enemy, and were raiſed up as Witneſſes for God, to be a Warning to others.

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It must be acknowledged by all who are duly considerate, that this Generation of Friends are highly favoured of God, in that they have the renewed Visitation of his own Spirit in themselves, and are brought up in the Belief of it, and have Line upon Line, and Precept upon Precept, to warn and invite them to give heed to it, and the Truths of the everlasting Gospel of Christ, frequently and freely preached in the Power and Demonstration of his own Spirit, and the best of Christian *Advices often repeated in the Love and Fear of God, and the Prayers of the Righteous, which are said* to avail much with God, *daily put up* James v. 16. *for their Salvation, and the Salvation of Mankind in general; let it therefore be solidly considered, that for all these, and many other Mercies of God, with which we are favoured, we must be accountable*

accountable what Improvement is made, for the Lord is looking for Fruits; whether are we bringing forth Fruits of Gratitude and of a due Submiſſion to his Will, who has thus viſited and favoured us? For where wild Grapes are brought forth, it is highly diſpleaſing to him, and offenſive in his Sight, who now as well as formerly, has beſtowed much Labour on his Vineyard. Iſa. v. *Therefore let none ſay in their own carnal Reaſonings, this is a ſmall Thing, and there is little in the other; for he calls for the whole Heart, and the Denial of every Thing that is made manifeſt by the Light of Chriſt to be reprovable and diſpleaſing to God. So that how ſmall and trivial ſoever thoſe Liberties which many take in Deportment, Speech and Dreſs, may appear to them, whilſt they have Health and Strength, and the Appearance of a long Continuance*

Continuance in this World, we ſhall find by Examples in this, and the foregoing Volumes, that they were Matters of great Weight when the trying Time came, and no doubt will be ſo to all who are truly ſenſible of the Day of their Viſitation, that they may improve it, and are under a Concern for the Well-being of their never-dying Souls: That theſe Things may be duly conſidered in Time, and that all may be prepared whenſoever it may pleaſe the Lord to call us hence, is the Deſire and Prayer of one who wiſheth Health aud Salvation to all Mankind.

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But let Patience have her perfect Work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. *James* i. 4.

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JOHN WYNN, of *Bradford* in *Yorkſhire*, was convinced of the bleſſed Truth at a Meeting of Friends in *Pall-Mall* near *Weſtminſter*, about the Time of the Coming in of King *Charles* II. being then in the Army, and ſtanding amongſt the reſt in their Ranks to be viewed by ſome of the chief Officers, he laid down his Arms becauſe he could practiſe War no more, and when diſcharged, he went down into *Yorkſhire*, and work'd at his Trade there, being a Clothier; and as he continued faithful to the Viſitation of Truth, he grew in Grace, and in the ſaving Knowledge of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; and being ſubject to the divine Manifeſtation and Work of the

Power of God in his Heart, he became a ſanctified Veſſel fitted for the great Maſter's Uſe, who in his Wiſdom called him to the Work of the Miniſtry, in which he grew and laboured faithfully in thoſe Times of Perſecution, wherein he ſuffered deeply for his Teſtimony; he was a Man of Courage, filled with a holy Zeal, and qualified, as a good Soldier in the Lamb's Warfare, for the Work in thoſe perilous Times; his Bow abiding in Strength, and his Arrows being ſharp and piercing, were carried home to the Mark, ſo that he fought manfully under the Banner of Chriſt, and turned not his Back in the Day of Battle. He was an able Miniſter of the everlaſting Goſpel, and laboured faithfully therein, and travelled much for the ſpreading of it in thoſe trying Times in moſt Parts of *England* and *Wales*, and eſpecially in the Eaſtern Parts; and his Service on that Account tended much to the ſtrengthning and confirming the Children of God, and convincing of Gain-ſayers; he retained his Integrity

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to the End, and the Strength of that holy Zeal kindled in his Heart for the bleſſed Truth, and the Promotion of its Cauſe, remain'd always with him. For a farther Account of his Labours, Service and Sufferings, the Reader is refer'd to divers Teſtimonies concerning him, publiſhed in the Year 1715.

Towards the latter Part of his Time, he travelled into the Weſt Parts of *Yorkſhire* to viſit the Meetings of Friends there, having a Senſe that his Days Work was nigh finiſhed; he told Friends in divers Places, *he was come to take his Leave of them*; altho' then in a good Meaſure of Health. After his Return he ſignified his great Satisfaction and Eaſineſs of Mind. About three Weeks after he had finiſhed that Journey, going a few Miles to viſit a neighbouring Friend who was ſick, a Service that he was frequently concern'd in, he came Home not very well, and continued weakly about thirteen Days; and in the Time of his Weakneſs, the great Concern that was upon his Mind, was, that Friends might

ſtand faithful unto the Lord God, exhorting ſuch thereto as came to viſit him, and declared a little before his Departure, that *he was clear and eaſy in his Spirit, and ſaw nothing to ſtand in his Way*, but witneſſed the Peace of God to abide upon him, ſaying, *he had labour'd faithfully to clear himſelf of thoſe that were of a libertine and frothy Spirit*, as he then call'd it. And the Day that he died, a little before his Departure, as he was walking about the Room, a fainting Fit ſeized him, and he ſat down and leaned back in his Chair, and ſeeing his Wife weeping over him, he looked upon her, and ſaid, *Why wilt thou, my Dear? The Lord gave thee unto me, and thou muſt give me up again:* And ſhe anſwered and ſaid, *I hope I ſhall, as far as the Lord enables me, for I hope it will be well with thee*; and he ſaid, *I never doubt that*: which were the laſt Words he ſpoke, for the Lord was pleaſed to make his Paſſage eaſy out of this World, ſo that he gave neither Sigh nor Groan, but in a quiet Stilneſs, like one falling aſleep, he departed this Life

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the 16th Day of the ninth Month 1699, in the ſixty fourth Year of his Age; having been a true Labourer in the Work of the Miniſtry about thirty ſix Years; and now having, through the Grace of God, *fought the good Fight of Faith, and finiſhed his Courſe*, we have no Cauſe to queſtion but that his Soul is at Reſt with the Lord, being entered into the Poſſeſſion of that Crown of eternal Life that is laid up in ſtore for all the Righteous, where he will live to praiſe and magnify the Lord God, and the Lamb who ſits with him upon the Throne, for ever and ever more, World without End, *Amen.*

His Body was buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Bradford* aforeſaid the 20th Day of the aforeſaid Month, being accompanied to the Grave by many Friends and ſober Neighbours, where divers living Teſtimonies were born to the Comfort of the upright in Heart, and particularly by that eminent Miniſter of Chriſt *William Ellis*, who had been effectually reached to by his Miniſtry in his young Years.

Deborah Wynn, Wife of the aforesaid *John Wynn*, had a ſober and religious Education, and was favoured with the Viſitation of Truth in her young Years, and by giving up to the Manifeſtation thereof, ſhe came to experience the Work of its Power in her Heart, and by being obedient thereto, attained to a degree of Settlement in the Truth when young, which prepared her to undergo thoſe Trials and Exerciſes which early began to fall to her Lot; for about the ſixteenth Year of her Age, her Father and Mother were both taken up and carried Priſoners to *York* for the Teſtimony of a good Conſcience towards God; and ſhe being their only Child, the Management of their Trade and Buſineſs fell under her Care, and during their Impriſoment ſhe travelled to *York*, twenty two Miles, on Foot, once in two Weeks to viſit them, and to carry them what Money ſhe had got for their Support; and being a Maid ſincere in Heart to God, and through his Grace faithful

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her Husband in the Street as they went away, who had been at a neighbouring Market, and was driving his Horse before him, with the Goods on his Back, and his riding Coat upon the Pack; all which they seized and took away with the rest of the Plunder: So being deprived of his Horse, Pack, and Coat, he came Home and found his Shop strip'd of the Goods, and his House of the Furniture, that he had neither Chair nor Stool to sit down upon to rest him, until some of his kind Neighbours, whom he found there bemoaning this unchristian Usage, went and brought him in some one Thing, and some another for their present Use, until they could procure Furniture of their own for their necessary Accommodation; and afterwards divers of the Inhabitants of the Town hearing of his Intention of buying more Goods to carry on his Trade, came to him, and earnestly intreated him he would buy no more, for he might see they were resolved to ruin him; he told them, *He was not at all discouraged, he had a little Money left, and*

and intended to lay it out for Goods as far as it would go, and if they took them from him alſo, they could have no more than all, but he believed they would be limited in the Lord's Time: which came to paſs accordingly.

Through all which, with her dear Huſband, ſhe retain'd her Integrity, and ſtood faithful to Truth's Teſtimony, ſo that they were favoured of the Lord together to ſurmount all Difficulties their great Sufferings brought upon them. She was a Woman of a ſound Judgment, great Sincerity and Circumſpection in the Courſe of her Conduct, tender and living in her publick Miniſtry; and by her godly and courteous Converſation, ſhe gain'd the Love and Eſteem of both Friends and others in the Town and Country where ſhe lived; her Heart and Houſe were open to receive and entertain the Meſſengers of Chriſt, who were concern'd to go to and fro to promote Piety and Virtue, and publiſh the Goſpel of glad Tidings to Mankind; and ſhe delighted much in that Service. It was my Lot to marry her only Daughter,

after which Time ſhe choſe to live with us to the End of her Days, which was upwards of ſeventeen Years, which tended much to our Satisfaction and mutual Comfort, ſhe being acquainted with divers of the firſt Publiſhers of the Goſpel of glad Tidings in theſe latter Days; her Converſation was very agreeable and informing: She was a loving and affectionate Mother, a faithful Friend, and endued with Wiſdom to give counſel in Times of greateſt Difficulty, having had large Experience of the Dealings of God, and the preſerving Power of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord; ſhe retain'd her Zeal for Truth and Concern for its Promotion, and was diligent in attending Meetings as long as her Ability of Body continued to go abroad. She was confined to the Houſe the laſt Year of her Time, growing weak by reaſon of old Age, and during that Time, ſhe employed herſelf much in reading the holy Scriptures and Friends Writings, with many of whom in her Youth ſhe had been acquainted, and continued in a ſweet heavenly Frame of Mind, often expreſſing in much Tenderneſs

derneſs the loving Kindneſs and Goodneſs of God to her, frequently ſaying, *The Lord hath been my Support in all my Difficulties, and hath preſerved me from Danger, and his Goodneſs is ſtill continued, and I have great Cauſe to praiſe him and ſpeak well of his Name*; this ſhe would often repeat with many other weighty and lively Expreſſions, ſignifying how reſigned ſhe was to the Will of God, and deſirous to be diſſolved, being duly prepared for that great Change. About three Months before her Departure ſhe was confined to her Chamber, but ſtill continued in a ſenſible Frame of Mind, and waited patiently for her Removal, expecting its drawing nigh, altho' ſhe had no Diſtemper upon her but Weakneſs through old Age: Her Daughter's Affection and Care was great over her both Night and Day, for fear ſhe ſhould drop off ſuddenly, though a Nurſe conſtantly attended her, whom when ſhe ſaw weep, and under Trouble at the Apprehenſion of parting with her, ſhe would ſend for me, and would deſire me to adviſe my Wife not to be troubled or

concerned on her Account, for though ſhe had no Diſtemper, Pain or Sickneſs, ſhe ſaid, *we muſt not expect ſhe would always continue with us, but would have us give her up freely, ſhe being prepared and ready to be received by Jeſus Chriſt into eternal Felicity*; I told her we were reſigned to the Will of God, and thankful he had ſo prolonged her Days, and accounted it a great Bleſſing our being favoured with her Company to that Time; ſhe added, *Your Care over me, and your Concern for me, hath been too great in every Reſpect, I think, and have been often thankful to the Lord, who hath been pleaſed to bleſs me with ſuch loving affectionate Children; and have been afraid my dear Daughter would hurt her own Health by caring too much for me; the Lord that was the Stay of my Youth, and has been with me to old Age, is ſtill near to comfort, and will be ſo to you when I am gone, and bleſs and preſerve you to his own Honour and your Peace unto the End:* with much more at divers Times too tedious to relate. She grew gradually weaker, yet ſat up moſt Days, and could

could walk over the Room with a little Help; in the Evenings, when Buſineſs was over, we went up and ſat down by her, and had many comfortable Seaſons together, for ſhe continued in a ſweet Frame of Mind, and very cheerful and ſenſible. On the 14th Day of the ſixth Month 1727, being the ſecond Day of the Week, my dear Wife and the Nurſe took her up and dreſſed her about Ten in the Morning as uſual, and ſhe ſitting in her Chair, they perceived ſhe grew very weak, and ſent for me; I went up and ſat down by her, and taking her by the Hand, aſked her how ſhe was, ſhe anſwered, *very weak Child.* I aſked if ſhe was ſick or faint, ſhe ſaid, *no*; I aſked if ſhe had any Pain, ſhe ſaid, *no*; I aſked if ſhe apprehended herſelf going, ſhe ſaid, *ſhe could not tell, but ſhe was weaker than ever ſhe was before.* I bid her lean her Head upon my Breaſt, which ſhe did, and was quiet for ſome Time as if ſhe had been in a Doſe, that we could ſcarce diſcern her Breath; and her Daughter ſitting by weeping, ſhe lifted up her Eyes and ſaid, *Dear Child*

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weep not for me, and leaning her Head on my Breaſt again, near the middle of the Day ſhe paſſed away ſo quietly, that we ſcarce knew when ſhe drew her laſt Breath. She was about eighty two Years of Age, and a Miniſter about ſixty four Years, and I doubt not, is entered into that undiſturbed and glorious Reſt prepared for the ſincere and upright hearted Followers of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

On the 17th Day of the aforeſaid Month, her Body was carried from our dwelling Houſe in *Clement's Lane* to the Meeting-houſe in *Grace-church-ſtreet*, where many Friends met on that Occaſion, and divers living Teſtimonies were borne to the Truth; and after a ſolemn Meeting, her Corpſe was accompanied by a large Number of Friends to Friends Burying-ground near *Bun-hill-fields*, and there decently interred.

J. B.

Deborah

Deborah Bell, Wife of *John Bell* of *Bromley* in *Middlesex*, late of *Grace-church-ſtreet*, *London*, Daughter of the before-mentioned *John* and *Deborah Wynn*, was born at *Bradford* in *Yorkſhire*, and being carefully Educated in the Way of Truth by her pious and faithful Parents, ſhe ſought the Way of the Lord, and the Knowledge of his bleſſed Truth, when very young, and was mercifully favoured to partake of that Virtue and divine Goodneſs which maketh fruitful towards God, as ſhe frequently expreſſed herſelf. In her Minority ſhe often earneſtly deſired the Lord would be pleaſed to enable her to come up in doing his Will, and that in all things ſhe might be perfectly reſigned to anſwer his holy Mind and Requirings, and be fully given up in Heart in all Sincerity, and by his Grace devoted to ſerve and obey him, according to the Ability received; he in Mercy and loving Kindneſs heard her humble Petitions, and granted the early Viſitations

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of his Love and Goodneſs, in the Pourings forth of his holy Spirit, and gradually, by the Work of his own divine Power, ſo prepared and ſanctified her Heart, that ſhe was made a Veſſel of Honour; for as ſhe became acquainted with his divine and living Word, when very young, ſhe grew in Experience of that Work which is wrought by the Power of Chriſt, by which alone Salvation and perfect Redemption is witneſſed; and being an humble Follower of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, and through the Operation of his Grace freely reſigned, and chearfully giving up to follow theſe Manifeſtations of the divine Light and Workings of the Spirit, which are inwardly revealed, ſhe was ſo fitted for her Maſter's Uſe and Service, as early to become a Branch in Chriſt Jeſus, the true and living Vine, laden with Fruit to the Praiſe and Glory of God the good Huſbandman; and being led thro' deep Travel, and cloſe Exerciſe and Affliction of Mind, ſhe thereby gained great Experience, and was made ſenſible of various States and Conditions, which

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tended to the qualifying her for that great and weighty Work whereunto ſhe was afterwards called; for about the 19th Year of her Age, the Lord ſaw meet in his Wiſdom to commit a Diſpenſation of the everlaſting Goſpel to her to preach, in which Service, ſhe being faithful, grew in the Knowledge of God, and had great Experience of his Dealings, and like the wiſe Scribe, who was well inſtructed to the Kingdom, *Brought forth out of the good Treaſury of her Heart, Things both new and old*, ſo that ſhe became an able Miniſter thereof, to the Comfort and Edification of the Churches where ſhe came, and many, who were unacquainted with the Work of the bleſſed Truth in themſelves, were reached to by her powerful and lively Miniſtry, in the Service of which ſhe often appeared ſtrong when in bodily Weakneſs, which frequently attended her, to the Admiration of thoſe who had the Knowledge of her outward Infirmities. She laboured faithfully in Word and Doctrine, and viſited many of the Meetings

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of Friends in moſt Parts of *England*, *Wales*, *Scotland*, and was twice in *Ireland*, and had good Service where ſhe came, for ſhe duly regarded the Motions and Guidance of Truth in all her Services, and in an eſpecial manner, when under a Concern to travel on that Account, ſhe earneſtly deſired to be fully ſatisfied of being rightly called, and to ſee her Way clearly opened, both as to the Time when, the Places where, and the People to whom it was her Duty to miniſter, and was ever very careful to return when ſhe found her Mind clear and eaſy; ſhe would often ſay, which I mention for the Inſtruction of others, that *there was great Danger in exceeding the Commiſſion by ſtaying abroad beyond the right Time.* She greatly deſired that all the Miniſters of Chriſt, who found themſelves concerned to travel in the Service of the Goſpel, might take due Care not to miſs their Way on that hand; neither might, when in their Travels, be drawn aſide out of the right Line opened to them by the Truth, thro' the Perſuaſion of unwary incon-

inconſiderate People, but might wait for the Power of Chriſt our Lord to preſerve them ſteady in Mind in all their Services for the Promotion of the bleſſed Truth, frequently repeating, that *ſhe had obſerved divers whom ſhe believed to have been rightly drawn forth, who yet through Weakneſs and Inſtability had miſs'd their Way in thoſe Particulars, and thereby received Hurt and leſſened their Service.* When ſhe was under a Concern to go abroad to viſit the Churches, the Weight of that Exerciſe brought her very low, both in Body and Mind; for ſhe waited diligently for the Counſel of God, and full Satisfaction in herſelf, before ſhe made her Concern known to any; for her whole Dependance was in great Humility on Chriſt our Lord, to put her forth, and go before her, and to give her Strength and Wiſdom, to diſcharge herſelf faithfully to her own Comfort and Peace, the Edification of the People, and his Honour: But though ſhe was ſtrong in the Lord, and zealouſly concerned for the Cauſe of Truth, yet, by Nature, of a weakly Conſtitution,

tion, and through hard Travel, and cloſe Exerciſe, which often was upon her for the Truth's Sake, her bodily Infirmities increaſed before old Age came on.

Towards the latter Part of her Time, being often infirm, ſhe frequently rejoiced in the Lord, and expreſſed the great Comfort, Peace, and Satisfaction, which ſhe had in having devoted her youthful Days to his Service, and being freely given up faithfully to obey his Calls and holy Requirings, whilſt a degree of Health and Strength were granted, and ſhe was able to undergo ſuch Service, often ſaying, *An early Devotion was very acceptable to God, and the Strength of Youth could never be ſo well and profitably employed, as in faithfully ſerving the Lord in Humility and ſincere Obedience in whatſoever Work he in his Wiſdom may be pleaſed to qualify them for, and call them into; for whereſoever it happened that any ſuch lived to be attended with the Infirmities of old Age, the Comfort and Peace they would enjoy, would be abundantly more to them than all*

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the Comforts of this Life; for she could by living Experience say, That nothing in this World was worthy to be compared with it. And she often earnestly desired the Sense thereof might lay hold of our Youth, that they might give up their Minds to seek the Lord early, and devote the Strength of their Time to his Service, that in the End they might be made Partakers of the same Comfort and Peace, which was her greatest Joy and real Cause of Rejoicing, and became more and more so as she drew near her Conclusion: And this I publish for their Perusal, that if by any Means they might be prevailed on, and stirred up to consider how necessary and truly profitable it is to begin early in that great Duty recommended by the wise Man, *Remember now thy Creator in the Days of thy Youth, while the evil Days come not, nor the Years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no Pleasure in them.* Eccles. 12. 1.

She being under a Concern to visit a few Meetings in *Hertfordshire*, and as far as *Huntington*, tho' in a weak State of

of Health, she undertook that Journey, which proved her last, towards the Middle of the seventh Month 1738; she was from Home ten Days, and had six Meetings, and altho' weak in Body, yet she appeared strong in her Ministry, and had good Service, much to the Satisfaction and Comfort of Friends where she came; and when she came Home, she rejoiced much, and said, *She was humbly thankful to the Lord who had enabled her to perform that Journey, and had given her Strength to discharge herself faithfully of that Concern she was under, and that her Heart was filled with that Peace and Comfort which he is pleased to favour his obedient Servants with, and that she apprehended her Days Work was nigh finished, for she saw no more Work her great Master had for her to do; and she had no Desire to live, but to serve and glorify him.* The last Time she was at the Evening-Meeting at *Bromley*, about two Weeks before she died, she bore a living Testimony to the Truth, and was concerned in Supplication to the Lord in a particular Manner,

Manner, and in great Fervency prayed for the Preſervation, Growth and Settlement of the Youth amongſt us, in the living eternal Truth, to the affecting and tendering of many Hearts; when ſhe came Home from the Meeting, ſhe was filled with divine Comfort, and ſaid, *It is now finiſhed, I do not expect you will have me with you at that Meeting any more.* And afterwards her Weakneſs of Body increaſed, and ſhe taking Cold, which ſeized her Lungs, and occaſioned a Hoarſneſs, which ſhe was often liable to; on the 22d Day of the eighth Month, being the firſt Day of the Week, we went to *London* to Meeting, but being ſo much indiſpoſed, ſhe was under ſome Difficulty to ſtay the Time of it, and did not go in the Afternoon, but waited for me at a Friend's Houſe until Meeting ended; and coming Home, ſhe continued weakly, though a little better at Times till fourth Day Evening, but ſhe grew much worſe again that Night, ſhe therefore had the Advice of a Phyſician, but it had not the deſired Effect; her

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Affliction increaſing, on ſixth Day Morning a *Pleuriſy* came on, which Diſtemper ſhe had been liable to, more or leſs, for the laſt ten Years of her Time, having had divers ſevere Fits of it, which much affected her Breathing; which though Means were uſed to remove, ſhe found no Relief, and the Pain grew more violent, ſo that her Affliction was great, and in an humble Submiſſion ſhe earneſtly deſired of the Lord, *that he would give her Strength to bear her Pain and Affliction patiently*; and her Petition was fully granted, for ſhe was endued with Patience to an uncommon degree, and bore her Affliction with ſuch a firm Reſignation and Thankfulneſs of Heart, and with tender Love and Condeſcention to all about her, and abundance of Sweetneſs ſhe ſtill enjoy'd, as appear'd by many precious and lively Expreſſions which drop'd from her, which deeply affected, and often tendered the Hearts of all about her: When her Pain was very great, ſhe expreſſed herſelf at Times after the following Manner; *This is hard Work indeed, on*

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had need to have nothing elſe to do at ſuch a Time as this; I am ſure it is as much as I am able to endure to bear the Afflictions of the Body, one had not need to have Terror of Mind beſides. And appealing to a young Woman ſtanding by her, whom ſhe dearly loved, and who had duly attended her in her Ilneſs, ſaid, *Thou knoweſt I have had very little Reſpite from Pain ſince I was firſt taken ill; I would have none put off that great Work of Repentance till ſuch a Time as this; if I had that Work to do, what a dreadful Thing it would be.* At another Time, divers young People being preſent, ſhe ſaid, *I would have our young People be willing to bear the Croſs in their Youth, and deſpiſe the Shame, for that is the Way to have true Peace in themſelves.* And another Time ſhe ſaid, *I now feel that which my Soul has longed for.* And ſeeing divers young Women ſtanding round her Bed, whoſe Growth and Settlement in the bleſſed Truth ſhe had often been concerned for, ſhe looked ſolidly upon them, and ſpake on this wiſe, *I was early convinced that unleſs I was born*

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again, I could not ſee the Kingdom of God; I have witneſſed it, and you know I have preached this Doctrine to you, and you muſt know it for yourſelves. And this ſhe ſpake with ſuch Authority as pierced the Hearts of all preſent, and I believe will not eaſily be forgot. At another Time looking ſteadily upon us, with a compoſed Countenance ſaid, *I have always been ſincere, and never had any thing in View but the great Cauſe of God, and that I might be clear of the Blood of all Men; and I have diſcharged myſelf faithfully, for whatſoever my Hand found to do, I did it with all my Might, and never ſpared myſelf, and I am fully clear and eaſy, and my Days Work ſeems to be done.* At another Time, obſerving the Diſtreſs I was in, ſhe looked earneſtly upon me, and ſaid, *The Lord brought us together, and has been with us, and thou muſt give me freely up to him again, and he will ſupport thee, and take Care of thee.* At another Time, I being in deep Diſtreſs of Mind, under the Conſideration of my great Loſs of ſo dear a Companion, if ſhe ſhould be removed,

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I asked her if she had not rather live with me a little longer, if Providence saw meet; she looked pleasantly upon me, and after a little Pause, said, *I have no Desire nor Will of my own, I stand in the Will of God.* At another Time, under the Sense of her great Pain, she said, *I earnestly desire the Lord may release me whilst I have Strength and Patience to bear my Afflictions, but I neither murmur nor repine.* And observing the Sadness of my Countenance, she said, *Why should I not go now? I can never go better.* I told her, if Providence pleased to raise her again, she might be with me longer, and be of Service, and yet go well; she readily answered, *There may be Danger in that, I am now ready.* At another Time I told her, when bemoaning myself, if the Lord should see meet to remove her from me at that Time, that I believed he would receive her into the Mansions of Glory; she replied, and said, *I never doubt that, I trust through Christ to be received into the Arms of eternal Bliss, for I am in Peace, and perfectly easy.* At

another Time ſhe looked upon me and ſaid, *The Lord gave me to thee, and thou muſt give me up to him again.* And towards the latter Part of her Ilneſs, being in great Pain, and obſerving the Concern I was in for her, ſhe ſaid, *My Dear, I am afraid thou hold'ſt me.* I anſwered, no, I have freely given thee up, and ſtand reſigned in the Will of God; ſhe looked pleaſantly upon me, and replied, *That is very good in thee.* And afterwards her Affliction and Pain being very great and heavy upon her, ſhe prayed fervently, and ſaid, *Lord be pleaſed to grant me a little Eaſe before I go hence and be ſeen of Men no more, no more, no more.* And the Lord was pleaſed to anſwer her fervent Supplication; for the Day before her Departure, all Pain and Affliction ſeemed to be removed, and ſhe continued quiet and eaſy, in a ſtill ſweet Frame of Mind, and altho' ſhe ſpoke not much during that Time, which could be perfectly heard, yet ſhe remained very ſenſible, and her ſweet and lively Breathings plainly declared ſhe continued in

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inward Prayer and Praiſes unto the Lord, her Lips often moving, and ſometimes Expreſſions were heard tending to ſignify the full Aſſurance ſhe had of an Inheritance in eternal Felicity and Glory amongſt the Juſt. Many more precious and weighty Expreſſions ſhe drop'd during her Ilneſs, which the Diſtreſs of my Mind prevented me from remembring perfectly.

About the fifth Hour in the Evening, being the fifth Day of the Week, and the 2d of the ninth Month 1738, ſhe ſweetly finiſhed her Courſe, and went away like an innocent Lamb: And notwithſtanding the great Affliction and Pain ſhe underwent for ſeven Days and ſeven Nights, that Brightneſs and Innocency which Truth had impreſſed, remained on her Countenance when the Soul was releaſed and had taken its Flight into the Regions of Bliſs and Glory.

She was aged about forty nine Years, and a Miniſter upwards of thirty Years; ſhe was endued with many eminent Gifts and Qualifications, an able Miniſter,

ſter, rightly dividing the Word of Truth through that Wiſdom received from God, which proved effectual to the convincing of divers, and the edifying and reaching of many; ſhe was zealous for the Cauſe of God, and of a diſcerning Spirit and good Underſtanding, ſo that the Enemies of Truth could not ſtand before her, for her Bow abode in Strength, and her Arrows were often carried to the Mark, and were ſharp againſt undue Liberty, Deceit, and the Works and Workers of Unrighteouſneſs.

She dearly loved the Children of the Light, and ſincerely ſympathized with ſuch in their Afflictions who were ſeeking the Way to *Zion*, and often had a Word of Comfort to them: Her Heart and Houſe were always open, according to the Example of her pious Parents, to receive the Ambaſſadors of Chriſt, remembring what he ſaid, *And whoſoever ſhall give to drink unto one of theſe little Ones a Cup of cold Water only, in the Name of a Diſciple, verily I ſay unto you, he ſhall*

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in no wiſe loſe his Reward. And likewiſe what he told his Diſciples, *Verily, verily I ſay unto you, He that receiveth whomſoever I ſend, receiveth me; and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that ſent me.* And her Delight was in the Company of thoſe who laboured for the Promotion of the Goſpel, and, through a good Degree of Experience, ſhe had ſometimes a Word of Advice and Encouragement to ſuch. John 13. 20.

She was a loving and affectionate Wife, and the Gift of God to me, and as ſuch I always prized her, a Help-meet indeed both in Proſperity and Adverſity, a ſteady and cheerful Companion in all the Afflictions and Trials which attended us, and a true and faithful Yoke-fellow in all our Services in the Church; for being ever one in Spirit, we became one in Faith and Practice, in Diſcerning and Judgment, and our Concern and Labour was the ſame; which nearly united us, and a Life of Comfort and Satisfaction we

lived; our Souls in the neareſt Union delighting in each other, and the Love and Preſence of God, wherewith we were often favoured in our private Retirements, ſweetned every bitter Cup, and made our Paſſage eaſy and pleaſant to us. But alas! what ſhall I ſay, the Lord who is all-wiſe, and only knows what is beſt for us, hath called her hence, who is worthy to do whatſoever he ſees meet; therefore in humble Submiſſion to his Will who gave, and hath taken away, as knowing, tho' it is my Loſs, it is her everlaſting Gain, I reſt, and can in Sincerity and Truth bleſs his Name who is worthy for ever.

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On the 7th Day of the Month aforeſaid, her Body was accompanied from our dwelling Houſe at *Bromley* to the Meeting-houſe in *Grace-church-ſtreet*, *London*, whence, after a ſolemn Meeting, many being affected with the Removal of ſo near a Friend, it was carried to Friends Burying-ground near *Bunhill-fields*,

fields, and buried by her Mother according to her Deſire.

Precious in the Sight of the Lord, is the Death of his Saints. Pſal. cxvi. 15.

Jennet Stow, a pious young Woman, who lived within the Compaſs of *Settle* Monthly-Meeting in the County of *York*; ſhe greatly feared the Lord and *remembred her Creator in the Days of her Youth*, and was one of thoſe who joined in with the Viſitation of Truth in her young and blooming Years, and gave up her Name to ſerve the Lord, who was graciouſly pleaſed in his Wiſdom and Goodneſs, to give unto her a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel of glad Tidings to preach; and being devoted in Heart to anſwer the Lord's Requirings, ſhe laboured faithfully according to the Ability he gave, and viſited the Churches of Chriſt in divers Parts of *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and was made a ſerviceable Inſtrument in the Lord's Hand for the Comfort and Edification

of his People, where her Lot was caſt, and was diligent in the Diſcharge of her Duty, whilſt Health and Strength was afforded to her; ſhe faithfully laboured in Word and Doctrine, and improved the Talents beſtowed upon her, until Infirmity and bodily Weakneſs laid hold of her, and rendered her in a great degree unfit for publick Service; and by the thankful and affecting Expreſſions, which herein follow, may be plainly ſeen the Sincerity and Integrity of her humble Mind, and her great Love to God, and fervent Concern for the Cauſe of Truth, and likewiſe the bleſſed Reward of Peace and Comfort ſhe enjoy'd, and the Aſſurance and Evidence ſhe had of her Well-being near the finiſhing of her Teſtimony, and the Concluſion of her Time here.

Being weakly in Body, and apprehending ſhe drew near her End, ſhe expreſſed herſelf thus, *viz. It is a brave Thing to live near the Lord, for I feel his Goodneſs near at this very Seaſon, which warms my Heart; bleſſed be his holy Name: My Heart is full of Love:*

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Lord, let me live here and do what thou wilt with my Body; Oh! I feel a great deal of Peace in my Soul: Lord, thou haſt anſwer'd my Cries, notwithſtanding thou haſt tried me every Way: I feel thou wilt carry me on to the End, and then all Tears will be wiped away, all Sorrowing will be over, then it will be well with me; Glory, Glory, to thy heavenly Name.

Then ſhe lay ſinging Praiſes to God for ſome Time, and began to ſay again, *Bleſſed be his holy Name; I feel as the Houſe of* Saul *grows weaker and weaker, the Houſe of* David *grows ſtronger and ſtronger; though I can ſcarce lift up a Finger, yet I feel myſelf ſtrong in the Lord. Lord thou haſt turned me every Way, thou haſt made me what thou wouldſt have me to be, praiſed be thy holy Name, that I am yet alive to make mention of thy Name.* Then ſhe prayed for the Family, and *deſired of the Lord, that the Offſpring thereof might grow in the Truth*; and further ſaid, *Lord, thou haſt put a Song in my Mouth, I can ſing Praiſes to thy holy Name.* People, not of our Pro-

feſſion, coming in, ſhe exhorted them to live in the Fear of God, that they might die in his Favour; ſhe ſaid, *May be you will ſay, I am mad, ſhe is light witted; ſo they ſaid of our Saviour, but I muſt tell you, if you will not hear now, you will one Day remember what I ſay. Oh! it is a brave thing to have Oil in our Lamps, and our Lamps trimmed when the Bridegroom cometh, that we may be ready to enter into the Chamber with him. Oh! Glory to God, I am ready, come when thou pleaſeſt, at Midnight or Cock-crow, Glory to God for ever.*

Theſe few Lines come in true Love to all that may ſee them when I am gone to my long Home, as indeed I do not expect to be long or many Days, becauſe I feel ſo many Diſtempers to attend this poor Houſe of Clay, and glad I am, that it hath pleaſed the Lord to work upon my Heart in the Flower of my Age, and hath made me willing to ſerve him in the Days of my Youth, ſo that I was made to forſake all that was near and dear unto me, and fully to give up and follow the Lord whereſoever he was pleaſed to draw me, and now I find

find Abundance of Peace in it, and an Anſwer of well-done returned into my Boſom, which is great Comfort to me on a ſick Bed, which is likely to prove a dying Bed; now I find abundance of Peace returned into my travelling Soul, which hath often gone mourning on my Way with my Hands upon my Loins, and altho' I have gone on my Way weeping, yet I ſhall return with Joy to Zion, *with Joy and Songs of Deliverance in my Mouth, praiſing the Lord who hath been my Rock in every Time of Trial; I have fled thither and have found Safety; bleſſed are all they who are found building upon him; theſe are they who know whither to fly when the Tempeſt beateth, and the Rain deſcendeth, they truſt not in the Arm of Fleſh, but they depend upon the Lord, who is a ſure Rock, and the Righteous fled thither, and found Safety: As one that hath been concerned for the Welfare of Souls for ſome Years, that all would prize their Time while they have it, and not ſlight the Day of their Viſitation, for it may be, ſuch as are now in being may not live to ſee another Day; for I can truly ſay, it hath been a Concern*

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upon my Mind for ſome Years, if it pleaſed the Lord to order it that I lived ſo long, as that a trying Day might come upon this Nation, that I might live ſo, as to be ſheltered under the Lord's Wing; for indeed it is thoſe who are found labouring in the Summer-time who have ſomething to feed upon when Winter approaches; therefore I deſire that I may prevail with you, as one that deſireth the Welfare of Souls; let nothing in this World deprive you of the precious Enjoyment of Truth: For, Oh! it is lovely in the Eyes of a Remnant, and more deſirable than all viſible Things; I can truly ſay, that Truth is as precious in my Eyes this Day, as ever it was, ſo that I can ſay, that the Lord is my Portion, and the Lot of my Inheritance: In this long Time of Weakneſs I feel the Lord to be near, and he beareth up the Spirit of my Mind, Glory be to his Name, for he beareth up his Children in a trying Time, who have been made willing to confeſs him before Men, thoſe are they whom he will not deny before his Father which is in Heaven: Altho' you have been as the Off-ſcourings of the World, be

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not discouraged, for the Lord is on his Way, and it is my Faith to believe, that the Lord will get himself a Name, and his Name will become famous in Israel: *Therefore be not discouraged, but go on in the Name of the Lord; altho' you may think yourselves weak, yet the Lord will be Strength in the midst of Weakness; I speak by good Experience, blessed be the Name of the Lord for it: I have often thought when it pleased the Lord to draw my Mind to visit this Nation,* Scotland, *and* Ireland, *then I said, Lord, I am weak, very despisable in the Eyes of Men, how shall I appear before them? And I can truly say, that it was the Word of the Lord that ran thro' me, Be not afraid, for tho' thou art Weak, yet I am Strong, and I will make thee as a Trumpet in my Hand, which shall give a certain Sound: And blessed be the Lord, who hath fulfilled his Promise not only to my Comfort, but to the Satisfaction of others, who have not gone under the Name of* Quakers, *and blessed be his Name for it, for it is the Lord's Doings and not my own, and he shall have the Praise of it; for it belong-*

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eth not to Man or Woman, for we are but Inſtruments in the Hand of the Lord, and of ourſelves can do nothing that is good: Farewel.

N. B. I preſume the Expreſſions of this Friend, in her Ilneſs, were committed to Writing, owned by her, and her Name put to them before her Departure.

She died at the Houſe of *William Young*, of *Droinfield* in *Derbyſhire*, of a *Conſumption*, in the Year 1702, aged about thirty Years, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground there.

Doctor Heathcot's *Teſtimony, concerning* Jennet Stow, *who was her Phyſician, and attended her in her Ilneſs*

WHEN firſt I beheld that holy Woman that left this Legacy behind her, I thought I never ſaw ſo heavenly an Image, her Eyes ſeem'd full of Concern, but not for this World; but what Way ſoever her outward Eyes looked,

looked, I ſtill thought that the Eye of her Mind was toward the Door, where her Beloved was wont to come in, and truly I have ſome Reaſon to believe, that he ſeldom or never knocked in the Days that I knew her, but ſhe was ready to let him in without making many Excuſes, and he that made her Heart clean, delighted often to viſit her; the firſt Time I caſt my Eye upon her was in a Meeting, and tho' ſhe ſpoke no Words in that Meeting, yet the very Sight of her preached aloud to me. I thought it a good Meeting, that I met with her; her Look was humble, ſerious, ſteady, full of Watchfulneſs, Love and earneſt Longings, and wreſtling in the Depth of Patience for her Beloved, whoſe bleſſed Preſence, and living Enjoyment ſhe often wanted, though favoured with it more than others, as far as I could judge; ſhe lived in my Houſe ſome Months, and I thought myſelf highly favoured of the Lord, that he was pleaſed to order it ſo: The more I knew of her, the more I loved her,

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and the more I loved her, the better I was pleaſed, for I found it never did me any Harm, being a Love not of my own, but of the Lord's begetting, for whoſe Sake alone we loved one another. In Meetings ſhe was valiant to fetch Water for others; her Dwelling was deep, and the Water ſhe brought up was living to all whoſe Senſes were lively; the Sound of her Voice was beyond all the Muſick I ever heard, and the leaſt Sound that drop'd from her in a Meeting, with Words, or if only a Sigh or Sound of any Sort, I thought it always brought my Mind nearer to the Lord, from whom every Thing of hers had its Sweetneſs; when ſhe had not the immediate Senſe of this Power, ſhe was leſs than others, having little or no Life but it, and being as dead to every Thing elſe, very deſpiſable to thoſe whoſe Life and Delight is in this World, unacquainted with this ſecret Life hid with Chriſt in God; a true Diſciple ſhe was, denied herſelf, took up and carried her daily Croſs, and followed him who hath bid us all do ſo, if we will be his

his Diſciples; ſhe hated Sin, pitied Sinners, and had a Mantle of Love to caſt over the leaſt that belonged unto or looked towards her Maſter's Family; I am loth to ſay ſhe was pure Gold, yet never ſaw any Thing more like unto it, for being oft put into the Fire, ſhe was more refined; her Life grew ſtronger as her Body decayed, that Life which Death hath no Power over; though her Pains were great and long, ſo was her Patience and her Strength to bear wonderful, as well it might be, being in and from the Almighty. I am not ſorry that ſhe is gone, nor that I am left; but may my Life and latter End be like hers, then I know, in Life or Death, happy ſhall I be, and the ſame Happineſs I deſire for all Mankind.

Gilbert Heathcote, M. D.

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ABraham *Anthony*, of *Rhode-Iſland* in *America*, and Companion to *William Wilkinſon* of *New-England*, in a Viſit to Friends in this Nation, was viſited with Sickneſs at the Houſe of *Roger Dickenſon* of *Whitby* in *Yorkſhire*: His Patience and Quietneſs, in the Time of his greateſt Affliction of Body, was admirable, with a free Reſignation to the Will of God; ſaying, *If I may live, I am willing, but if I muſt die, the Will of the Lord be done*; often praiſing God, and many Times expreſſed his great Satisfaction that it had pleaſed the Lord to caſt his Lot among Friends in that Place: The Day before he died, ſeveral Friends ſtanding about him, he ſaid, *Friends, ſtand faſt in the Lord, and bear a faithful Teſtimony for God in your Day, and ſtand faſt in the Truth; what ſignifies this World, or the Riches of it, they are not to be valued, for the Love of the Lord is above all; and be weighty in your Spirits, and watchful and fervent in that great*

great Duty of Prayer when you approach before the Almighty Jehovah; for it is a dreadful Thing to appear before the Lord unprepared, for the Lord will be terrible to the Wicked. Israel *is to dwell alone, and not to be numbered among the Nations. And you Elders, be ye faithful; I am raiſed up beyond my Expectation to exhort you Elders to Faithfulneſs, though but young to many of you, and the leaſt in mine own Eyes, yet ſtrong in the Lord my God. Friends, I did not leave my own Country in my own Will, or in my own Strength, or in my own Time.* Then he ſaid, *O! Lord, I love thee more than Wine*; and lifting up his Hands, he ſaid, *O! the Joys of Heaven, Glory to the Father, and the Son, as it was in the Beginning, ſo be it World without End.* Amen, Amen, Amen. With ſeveral other good Expreſſions which he uttered during the Time of his Sickneſs, which are not here inſerted, but were much Comfort and Satisfaction to thoſe who were often with him, and was a ſealed Evidence on their Spirits, that he is gone to reſt with the Righteous in

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that Kingdom of Peace which God has prepared for all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ, where the Spirits of the Just made perfect do sing Praises, Hallelujahs and Hosannahs to him that lives on high, who is God over all, worthy of all Glory, Honour and Praise for ever. *Amen.*

He was taken ill the second Day of the first Month 1713, and departed this Life in Peace with the Lord on the 13th about Four in the Morning, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Whitby*, on the 14th, about Four in the Afternoon, being the first Day of the Week; aged about thirty one Years.

DOrothy *Trapnell*, was born in *Topsham* in *Devonshire* the 24th Day of the sixth Month 1630, and, with her Mother *Anne Morris*, was one of the first convinced of the blessed Truth in that Country about the Year 1654. Her Mother was concerned to bear Testimony

Teſtimony againſt the hireling Prieſt in the publick Worſhip-houſe; and gave up her own Houſe for Friends to meet in during her Life, and ordered it to be continued after her Deceaſe.

She was a religious Woman, of good Repute amongſt Friends and others, being patient and merciful to People in Diſtreſs, which cauſed the Loſs of her to be lamented by thoſe who knew her; ſhe would be often ſpeaking of her Death, and made her Will many Years before her Departure, frequently ſaying, *ſhe was not afraid to dye*; and tho' ſhe grew ancient, yet ſtill retained her Underſtanding; ſhe often adviſed thoſe who were with her, *to fear God, and love the Truth*, telling them with Tears, how freely ſhe could have laid down her Life for Truth's Sake at her firſt Convincement. Some Time before her Deceaſe, ſhe ſaid to her Grand-ſon *Peter Williams*, that *ſhe thought ſhe ſhould ſee him no more*, charging him *to love and take Care of his Mother.* Some Hours before her Death, which ſhe earneſtly deſired, ſhe ſaid, *ſhe was dying*, and took

took her ſolemn Leave of her Relations, Friends and Neighbours that were preſent, kiſſing divers of them, and praying God to bleſs them, and theirs; then ſhe called for her Daughter *Williams*, and aſked *if ſhe had left her*; her Daughter came to her, and ſaid, *ſhe had not left her*; and ſhe holding her by the Hand, earneſtly deſired the Lord to bleſs her, and hers, and added, *I ſhould have been glad to have ſeen thy Children:* But they living ſome Miles from her, ſhe expired before they came. She finiſhed her Courſe and Teſtimony, and laid down the Body like a Lamb, without Sigh or Groan, the 14th Day of the twelfth Month 1715, aged eighty five Years and almoſt ſix Months, and was buried the 19th in Friends Burying-ground at *Topſham*, and was the firſt laid in that Ground. She died much lamented, being a true *Chriſtian*, a good Friend, an affectionate Mother, and Grand-mother, and a good Neighbour, leaving a good Reputation behind her, whoſe Memory cannot be forgotten by thoſe who were

near and dear to her, and ſhe to them: Such was the Reſpect ſhewn to her Memory from other People not of our Profeſſion, as well as from Friends, that it was thought ſome Thouſands were at her Funeral, even more than the Meeting-houſe and Burying-ground, though large, could contain, many not under our Name, coming from the Country without any Invitation.

John Williams, Son-in-Law to the forementioned *Dorothy Trapnell*, was born in *Topſham* the 14th Day of the firſt Month 1658, and brought up in the Way of the *Church* of *England*; when he was upwards of Twenty Years of Age, he married the Daughter of the ſaid *Dorothy Trapnell*, then alſo in the Way of the *Church* of *England*, where they continued until about the Year 1687, when they were both invited to a Meeting where our dear and worthy Friend *James Dickinſon* was; and ſometime after, he joined in Profeſſion with

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the People called *Quakers*, with whom he continued to his End. Being taken ill about the Beginning of the eighth Month 1717, when going up Stairs, he ſaid to the Maid-ſervant, that *he thought he ſhould never more come down*; about two Days after he ſaid to his Wife, that *it had been in his Mind almoſt all the Day before, to make his Will, and being taken in his Head, he did not know whether his Memory might continue*; on which his Wife ſaid to him, that he uſed to be low-ſpirited when ſick; he anſwered, *that he muſt do it*; that was, to make his Will: Some Hours after, he ſpake to his Nurſe, and a Kinſwoman that came to viſit him, to the ſame Effect, ſaying, that *his Wife was not willing*; whereon his Kinſwoman ſaid, ſhe would ſend a Perſon to do it; when it was done and ſigned, he ſaid to his Son *Peter*, *this is my Mind, and if you love your Mother, and be dutiful to her, you may reap the Benefit of it*; after which he grew worſe, and worſe, whatever Means were uſed, often ſpeaking of his Death, and ſaying *he had rather dye than live, except it were*

to honour the Lord; after which he lay about eight Hours ſpeechleſs, with many other Symptoms of immediate Death, but recovering out of that State, he ſpake at firſt like a Child, and deſired to ſee his Wife and Children once more, which he expreſſed again on their Coming to him; and deſiring his Wife to kiſs him, he ſaid *Farewel in the Lord*, ſhe anſwering, ſaid, In the Lord Jeſus we ſhall fare well; to which he added, *Farewel in the Lord Jeſus, do not ſtay by me to diſcompoſe my Mind.* He called his little Grandſon, and holding him by the Hand, ſaid, *Sammy, I deſire thou mayſt be a good Man and fear God, and then God will bleſs thee.* An ancient Friend coming to viſit him, he told him, *that he had that Night fought, as it were, with Beaſts at* Epheſus; the Friend ſaid, he hoped he did overcome, to which he chearfully anſwered, *Yes, Yes, there is Strength enough in the Lord to overcome all*; he continued growing weaker and weaker, and on the 27th Day of the ninth Month 1717, he departed this

Life, aged about fifty eight Years and nine Months.

N. B. Sometime after his Deceaſe, our aforementioned Friend *James Dickenſon* coming in Truth's Service into the Weſt, came to viſit his Widow, and looking on her, ſaid, he remembered when ſhe and her Huſband came into the Meeting of Friends in their Finery; about thirty Years before, he had ſaid to old *John Colſworthy* and Wife, that the Couple who came into the Meeting would come to us.

Joſeph Whally, Son of *Joſeph Whalley*, and *Hannah* his Wife, of *Southfield* in *Lancaſhire*. About three or four Months before this young Man died, being under ſome Affliction of Body, he often deſired his Mother to keep him Company, ſaying, *Come Mother keep me company and let us wait a little together*: And ſhe at one Time aſked him, what he thought of himſelf as to his inward

inward Condition: After a little Pauſe, he anſwered and ſaid, *I fear I have not been ſo careful at Times as I ought to have been, but when I have had good Meetings, and Opportunities of profit, I have been too apt to grow into Forgetfulneſs again, by joining with ſome of my Companions in Laughter and Jeſting; but I hope if it pleaſe God to reſtore me to my former Health again, and lengthen out my Day a little longer, I ſhall be more careful for the future, for I believe that it is his Will and Pleaſure thus to afflict me for my Good, that I may remember my Ways; for I believe, if I had anſwered the End of my Creation, I ſhould have been a Plant to have glorified God in my Day, and I hope that I may in ſome Meaſure anſwer it one way or other, before he takes me out of the World.* On the 21ſt Day of the fourth Month, he began to bleed at the Noſe, and notwithſtanding all the Means uſed to ſtop it, by Men of Skill, it all proved ineffectual, and in about three Days after the Time he began, finding himſelf pretty far ſpent, and ſeeing ſome of his Friends and near Relations, and

particularly his Mother, in a great Concern for him, he expreſſed himſelf after this Manner; *I deſire you to be eaſy; and Mother, I deſire thee to be eaſy and not to weep, for I hope it will be well with me.* Then turning himſelf to the young People preſent, he ſaid, *You ſee that I am a dying Man, I deſire you may take Warning by me to remember your latter End, ſeeing you know not how ſoon it may be your Turn to be in this Condition.* Then taking his Brother by the Hand, ſaid, *I deſire thee to be a good Boy, and be not ſtubborn, but be guided by thy Mother, and then it will be well for thee when thou comeſt to a dying Hour, which I am drawing towards, for thou muſt come to me, if thou be a good Lad, but I muſt not return to thee; and this I leave with thee as a Charge, for I deſire thy Welfare as for my own Soul.* Then he wanted to ſee his Couſin *William Fielden*, and ſhewed a Concern to ſpeak to him by way of Advice and Warning; but he not being in Sight, he ſignified, that *tho' he ſhould warn, and his Warning be neglected, yet he ſhould be*

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clear, and their Blood would be upon their own Heads; referring to *Ezekiel* the Prophet; *and*, said he, *as for our Friend* John Ecryod, *if I die I would have him be easy, for I am satisfy'd he hath done his Endeavour*; and he also signified, *that he believed there had been Endeavours used sufficient, if the Lord saw meet to restore him to Health again*; *but*, said he, *when the Lord calls, who can withstand.* His Father asked him whether he was easy as to himself, and could be free to die and leave them; he answered, *I am easy in my Mind, and have no Disturbance, which is to me a Sign that an Inheritance is provided for me.* A Neighbour being present, reply'd, it is so. His Father asking further, whether he had any Thing upon his Mind to say to him; *I have nothing*, said he, *in Commission, but that thou walkest answerable to the Light which God has given thee. Remember my Love to Friends*, said he, *for my Love is to all*; and in particular he desired his Respects might be given to *Thomas Anderson*, and requested that those present might stay with him, until

it might pleaſe the Lord to call him, *That*, ſaid he, *they may ſee the End*; *for I hope I ſhall be no bad Example.* Then he deſired to ſee ſome Relations, and two publick Friends belonging to the Meeting, who being ſent for, one came, *viz. James Topper*, and when he ſaw him, he ſaid, *Thou haſt done well to come to ſee me*; the Friend anſwered, I am ſorry to ſee thee thus; but he replied, *I hope thou need'ſt not be ſorry in one Senſe:* The other Friend, *viz. Charles Harriſon* being abſent at a Burial, came not till near his End, and prayed by him; and a little before his Departure, he deſired that all the young People of the Neighbourhood, and his Relations, eſpecially the Youth, might be invited to his Burial; *For*, ſaid he, *may be it may prove an Inducement to them, through me, to remember their latter End.* A little before he finiſhed his Race, a Friend that ſat near him thought ſhe heard him, with a low Voice ſay, *Praiſes, Praiſes*; which were the laſt Words he ſpoke, and in a little Time after he departed this Life as if he had fallen aſleep, and

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it is to be hoped in Peace with the Lord, the 25th Day of the fourth Month, 1724, in the twentieth Year of his Age.

I Believe the faithful Labours and Services of that eminent Servant of the Church, and ancient and living Miniſter of Jeſus Chriſt, *John Haydock*, are yet within the Memory of many now living, who cannot forget that faithful Labour of Love in the Work of the Goſpel in which he was very diligent, he travelling much in divers Parts of the World, with whoſe Service in the Miniſtry, the Church was often edify'd and comforted for about fifty Years; ſo that it may be truly ſaid of him, he was an Inſtrument in the Lord's Hand, gifted by him for watering his Heritage, and was very inſtrumental to help thoſe who were under Convincement, and laboured under great Exerciſe of Mind, who were laid hold on, and reached to, by the Viſitation of the Love of God, and had the Opportunity of ſitting under

his lively Teſtimonies, which were both teaching and baptizing, and ſuch indeed were thereby often greatly encouraged, refreſhed and comforted, and ſtirred up in their Minds, ſo as ſtill to look forward and truſt in God who had ſo graciouſly viſited them, being Witneſſes that his Miniſtry tended to the building up in the moſt holy Faith in our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, which gives Victory over Sin; and his great Humility, pious and godly Walking, adorned the Doctrine of the Goſpel of Chriſt, ſo that by his Example he recommended that which he was called to preach in the Power and Demonſtration of the Spirit, and did ſhew forth the good Effects of true Religion, which he laboured faithfully for many Years to promote amongſt Mankind: But finding nothing in the foregoing Volumes, of the *dying Sayings of Friends*, concerning him, nor any Thing made publick of his Labours and Travels in the Work of the Goſpel, and concluding that there are yet remaining ſome who are as Seals of his Miniſtry; for the reviving

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of the Memory of the Juſt, as he deſerves to be accounted, I have inſerted the Teſtimony of *Hartſhaw* Monthly-Meeting concerning him, in which Place he was many Years a ſerviceable Member, which is as follows.

J. B.

A ſhort Teſtimony concerning our dear and ancient Friend John Haydock.

WE could not ſtand acquitted before God nor Men, to have buried the Corpſe of this our worthy Friend, with a few ſhort Sighs, and ſo let his Name go with him to the Grave; we have raiſed no Monument over his Sepulchre, but there is one due to his Worth: His Life was of ſweet Savour, ſeaſoned with the Salt of the Covenant, and ought not to go under foot: He was born of reputable Parents in the Pariſh of *Standiſh* in *Lancaſhire*, in the twelfth Month 1640, by whom he was ſtrictly educated in their Religion, whoſe Principles

he held till about the Year 1667, when it pleaſed the Lord to viſit him with his glorious Day-ſpring from on high, whereby his Underſtanding became enlarged, and his Heart opened, to believe and receive the Truth as it is in Jeſus, and for his Teſtimony unto it, he was in a few Months after committed Priſoner to *Lancaſter* Goal, where he patiently ſuffered Impriſonment about four Months before he was releaſed. A Year after his Commitment he was called into the Miniſtry of the Goſpel, in which Service, being endowed with the Spirit of Wiſdom and Power, he was eminently laborious and uſeful; he travelled much on Truth's Account, not only in *England* and *Scotland*, but ſeveral Times viſited the Nation of *Ireland*: he alſo went over to *America*, and viſited moſt of the Provinces and Iſlands there; from all which Places we have had good Accounts of his Service, and there were many convinced which became Seals of his Miniſtry; his Doctrine was ſweet and heavenly, reliſhing of the Fountain whence it came; often

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deep in the Myſtery, not to be comprehended by the World, but ſeemed rather Matter for the Children of Light and Circumciſion, from whom the Vail of the Covering is taken away; he was, from its Beginning, a Member of this our Meeting of Diſcipline, and thro' the Bleſſing of God very helpful to us to eſtabliſh good Order both by Example and Precept, for God had given him a profound Judgment; he was a Man who ſuffered much Perſecution for Righteouſneſs-ſake, both of Tongues and Hands, and went through bad Reports as well as good, was rendered as a Deceiver and yet true, and becauſe he would not Swear, he ſuffered the Loſs of much of his worldly Subſtance, and was often impriſoned; all which he bore with invincible Patience, till in Death itſelf he became Victor, and is gone to his prepared Manſion, where the Wicked ceaſe from troubling, and his Reſt is made perfect. He died in *Lancaſter* Goal, for his Teſtimony to the Truth, upon the 19th Day of the tenth Month, after a Week's Sickneſs, and

and was carried thence to his own Houſe in *Coppul*, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground in *Langtree*, the 22d Day of the ſame Month 1719, aged about ſeventy nine Years, and a Miniſter about fifty Years.

William Fennel, and *Bleſſing* his Wife: Some Account, by way of Teſtimony, from the Men and Womens Meeting in *Youghall* in *Ireland*, concerning our dear Friends deceaſed before named. The ſaid *William* was eldeſt Son to *John Fennel* and *Mary* his Wife, of *Killicomonbeg* in the County of *Tipperary*, who were early convinced of the bleſſed Truth, as profeſs'd by us, the People called *Quakers*, and were ſerviceable in their Time and Place.

The ſaid *Bleſſing* was the eldeſt Daughter of *Robert Sandham*, and *Deborah* his Wife, in *Youghall*, of whoſe pious Lives and Deaths ſome Account is given in the *Dying Sayings* of Friends already publiſhed.

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They the ſaid *William* and *Bleſſing*, by the Account we have had, and what we knew of them, were not only educated in the Profeſſion of Truth, but in their Minority were ſober, and religiouſly inclined, and dutiful to their Parents, and as they grew in Years, by and through the Lord's Grace and good Spirit, grew in Sobriety and Virtue; their Lives and Converſations adorned their Profeſſion. They took each other in Marriage in the Year 1688, and ſettled in *Youghall*, where they became ſerviceable in divers Reſpects, through the Lord's Goodneſs and preſerving Power. They were concerned, according to the Ability received, in their Place and Station, to maintain Truth's Teſtimony in the ſeveral Branches thereof, and were diligent Attenders of Meetings for the Worſhip of God, alſo thoſe for good Order and Diſcipline in the Church both at Home and Abroad, as Province and Half-year's Meetings, whilſt they had Ability of Body. They were as Lights in that Place, whoſe Houſe and Hearts were open to entertain

tain Strangers and their Friends cheerfully; they lived in great Love and Unity together, and trained up their Children, not only in Plainneſs of Speech and Apparel, but alſo in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord, and walked as good Examples before them and others, in Godlineſs and Honeſty, being juſt in their Dealings, and careful and punctual to keep their Word and Promiſes, keeping in Moderation and Temperance, loving and kind to Friends and Neighbours, and affectionate to Parents, and charitable to the Poor, doing Good unto all, but more eſpecially to the Houſhold of Faith, according to their Ability.

The ſaid *William* in the Time of his laſt Illneſs ſpake many ſenſible Expreſſions, ſaying, *There lay nothing in his way that he knew of, and deſired to be diſſolv'd and taken out of that frail Tabernacle of Clay:* And ſo continued in a ſweet, ſenſible reſigned Frame of Mind, often praying unto the Lord to bleſs his Children, and to be a Comfort to his dear Wife; and one Day ſaid to her,

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My Dear, the Lord hath been very good to me from my Childhood to this Day many Ways, and in particular, in bleſſing me with a tender, loving and faithful Wife, and dutiful Children; and that the Lord's Goodneſs continued to him in that laſt Sickneſs; with other Expreſſions that were affecting to thoſe preſent. He departed this Life the 13th Day of the ſeventh Month, 1724, aged ſeventy three Years.

A few Weeks after his Death, the ſaid *Bleſſing*, his Widow, in Anſwer to a Letter to a particular Friend, *T. W.* of *Cork*, gave the following Account concerning her ſaid Huſband, in theſe Words, *viz. Altho' I fully believe the Lord hath taken my moſt dear and tender Huſband to himſelf, yet his Removal is my exceeding great Loſs, he being a faithful Fellow-traveller with me in our ſpiritual Journey* Zion-*ward*; *he was not a Man that would ſpeak ſo much as ſome others, but was Sincere hearted to God, and tender of the Honour of his Truth, bearing Burthens often for Peace-ſake in this Meeting, labouring to preſerve Unity, and*

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keep down a dividing Spirit; *and farther, if I may be allowed, that beſt knew him the laſt Half of his Years, to give his Character in a few Words. He was a faithful Man, fearing God, and hating Covetouſneſs, doing nothing through Strife or vain Glory, but in Lowlineſs of Mind, eſteeming others better than himſelf.*

The ſaid *Bleſſing* lived about ten Years after the Death of her ſaid Huſband, and continued a ſerviceable Woman in her Place, being a Mother in our *Iſrael*, a Teacher of good Things, her Words being ſeaſoned with Grace, often telling her Children, *the Lord's merciful and tender Dealings, and Preſervations to her and hers all her Life long.* Some Years before ſhe died, ſhe appeared in a publick Teſtimony in this Meeting, telling what God had done for her Soul, in a lively Manner; and had a zealous Concern to ſtir up Friends to Watchfulneſs and Circumſpection in their Converſations, and to do nothing againſt the Truth, but for it.

She was under pretty much Weakneſs and Infirmity of Body for ſome Time before

before her laſt Sickneſs, yet preſerved in a ſweet, reſigned, tender Frame of Spirit to the laſt, and often gave good Advice to her Children, telling them of God's Goodneſs to her Soul: Her laſt Illneſs was ſhort, and being weak before, did not ſay much to her Children or thoſe about her at that Time, ſave that to her eldeſt Daughter and her Huſband, the Day before ſhe died, ſhe ſaid, *She was glad to ſee them once more, and deſired the Lord might bleſs and preſerve them in his Truth*; being weak, could not ſay much, but deſired her Children *might live in the Fear of God, and mind the Advice ſhe had often given them.* She departed this Life the 4th Day of the third Month, 1735, in the ſeventy fourth Year of her Age, and we doubt not but ſhe is entered into that Reſt God hath prepared for all who love and fear him. Given forth by Order and on Behalf of our ſaid Meeting, the 8th Day of the twelfth Month, 1735.

Thomas

THomas Wight, of Cork in Ireland, was taken ill the 13th Day of the ninth Month 1724, with a Cold and a Stitch, which continued, though not violent, about three Weeks, Part of which Time he seemed to amend so as to get down Stairs, and settle his outward Affairs. After which, finding himself growing weaker gradually, he took to his Chamber, and on the Day whereon the Men's Meeting was held, though very weak, he looked into the Meeting Books, and in a solid Manner spake to his Son *Joshua*, saying, *There will want some Friend to write, or be Clerk for Friends about Truth's Affairs; there are such and such that are qualified; it is too much for one. Indeed I have wrote a great deal in my Time, and have thought many Times, if I had not been divinely supported, and borne up under it, I should have fainted long ago. When I began first, I was but feeble, but the Concern grew upon me, and I took it with Alacrity*

Alacrity: I own it took up my Mind and Thought ſo, that I was as a Stranger to the World and outward Buſineſs, &c.

To his Grandſon *T. G.* that came to take his Leave of him, being about to go over to *London*, he gave good Advice and Counſel, particularly to regard Truth, and admoniſh'd him to beware of hurtful Converſation, to keep out of Superfluity, and the vain Faſhions of the World, and not to ſtrike Hands, or join with ſuch as took an undue Liberty in divers Reſpects; adding, *Shun not the Croſs, but love it, and be not aſhamed of it*; with more to the ſame Effect. Divers Friends came to viſit him, to whom he ſhewed much Cheerfulneſs, and expreſſed his Reſignation to the Will of God. The latter End of the Month, being the Province Meeting, he apparently grew weaker, and divers Friends out of the Country, and alſo of the City, came to viſit him, to whom he expreſſed in great Tenderneſs of Spirit, the Goodneſs of God to him under his bodily Weakneſs, and *that it was well for him he had not at that Time the*

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with it, readily came, the 4th Day of the tenth Month, and had a ſeaſonable Time with him, firſt in a ſolid and ſilent waiting upon the Lord together by his Bed-ſide, and afterwards in ſome ſerious Converſation, and concluded in Prayer and Supplication to their mutual Comfort and Satisfaction: After which he ſaid, *Friends, we read that* Jacob *ſaid, the Lord was in this Place and I knew it not; but we can ſay, the Lord is here and we know it, or are ſenſible of it; Glory to his Name for ever.* After which growing gradually weaker, he lay in a ſweet tender Frame of Mind, and ſo continued to the 9th Day of the tenth Month, 1724; on which Day he died in the eighty fourth Year of his Age.

Mark the perfect Man, and behold the Upright, for the End of that Man is Peace.

Hannah

HAnnah *Philips*, late Wife of *John Philips*, of the City of *Limerick* and Province of *Munſter* in *Ireland*, was a Woman of an examplary Life, and innocent Converſation, of few Words, and a retired Mind; having a due Regard to the Gift of God in her own Heart, whereby ſhe became a prepared Veſſel for the Lord's Uſe, and for ſome Time before her Death, the Lord was pleaſed to concern her, in bearing a Teſtimony for his Name and Truth in publick Meetings, to the Comfort and Edification of Friends; and being often viſited by them in the Time of her Illneſs, though brought very low and weak of Body, ſhe was ſtrong in the Lord, and frequent in Prayer and Supplication unto him. She alſo uttered ſeveral pious and affecting Expreſſions, ſaying at one Time, *I am very weak in Body, but Life is here*; which was manifeſtly felt to the bowing of the Hearts of many preſent. At another Time

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ſome Friends being in her Chamber waiting upon the Lord, ſhe ſaid, *The Lord is good to* Iſrael, *but more eſpecially to the Upright in Heart; I have laboured that my Heart might be ſo before him.* And ſo went on in great Sweetneſs, praiſing the Lord for his Goodneſs towards her, which was largely manifeſted at that Time. About a Day or two before ſhe died, ſeveral Friends being preſent, ſhe ſaid, *My dear Friends, my Love is with you, but cannot now ſay much, by reaſon of Weakneſs, but I deſire the Lord may be with you, and prepare you for ſuch a Time as this.* She was alſo tenderly concerned in Prayer, for her Family and Off-ſpring; and ſo continued in much Sweetneſs of Spirit to the very laſt, departing in great Peace, and full Aſſurance of eternal Reſt, the 14th Day of the eleventh Month, 1724, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground the 17th of the ſame. Aged about forty four Years, and a Miniſter near two Years.

GEorge *Chalkley* the Elder, was born of religious Parents at *Kempton* near *Hitchin* in *Hertfordshire*; his Father's Name was *Thomas Chalkley*, by Trade a Mealman; they were by Profession of the Church of *England*, and zealous in their Way: They had four Sons and three Daughters; he being the third Son, was convinced very young at a Meeting by the Chace Side near *Winchmore-hill*, through the powerful Miniſtry of *William Brend*, an eminent Inſtrument in the Lord's Hand in that Day, who, as he ſometimes publickly declared, was opened in the Words of the Preacher, *Eccleſ.* xi. 9. *Rejoice O young Man in thy Youth, and let thy Heart cheer thee in the Days of thy Youth, and walk in the Ways of thy Heart, and in the Sight of thine Eyes: but know that for all theſe Things God will bring thee into Judgment.* Upon which Subject the Friend ſpoke ſo home to his State and Condition, that he was convinced, and

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two others of his Companions reached, with whom he was walking in the Fields, having religious Converſation together, being providentially directed to the Meeting, by obſerving ſome Friends going, whom they followed thither. One of his two Companions was *Samuel Hodges*, who lived and died a faithful Friend, at whoſe Houſe in ſucceeding Time a Meeting was ſettled, and is there continued, *viz.* at *Mims*, to this Day. He, *viz. George*, was the firſt of the Family who received the Truth, after which his Father and Mother were convinced, and the reſt of his Brothers and Siſters, who lived and died honeſt Friends, except the Eldeſt, who was a ſober Man, and continued of the Perſwaſion of the Church of *England*, and died young. It was not long after their Convincement, when he and his two Companions aforeſaid met with a Trial of their Faith and Patience, for being taken at a Meeting together, they were all three committed to *New-Priſon* in *White-chapel*, where having continued Priſoners ſome Time, the Magiſtrates

obſerving their *Chriſtian* Courage and Innocency, and being touched with Tenderneſs towards them, conſidering their Youth, diſcharged them. About the twenty fifth Year of his Age he married *Rebeccah Harding*, the Widow of *Nathaniel Harding* a Friend, who died under the Sentence of Baniſhment. He met with great Diſappointments in his early Days, but through the Lord's Goodneſs was preſerved through, and over them all. He was, tho' low in the World, an eminent Example of Patience and Reſignation; and induſtriouſly laboured with his Hands for the Support of his Family and conſcientious Diſcharge of all his Engagements, ſo that it may be juſtly ſaid of him, that he was careful to owe to no Man any Thing but Love. And farther was very exemplary in keeping conſtant to Meetings, though in Times of hot Perſecution. For when Friends were perſecuted on the Account of keeping up their religious Meetings, about the Year 1680 to 1684, he conſtantly attended Meetings, and never miſs'd as far as can

be remembred on the *First-days*, unleſs hindered by Sickneſs; and though he was ſometimes concerned to ſpeak a few Words by way of Exhortation to Friends, when they were kept out of their Meeting-houſes in the Streets, to ſtand faithful to the Truth, and to teſtify of the ſolid Comfort and Satisfaction that thoſe who truly waited on the Lord enjoyed, notwithſtanding their deep Sufferings; yet it pleaſed the Lord by his good Providence ſo to preſerve him, that he did not ſuffer Impriſonment, tho' the Informers were buſy, in that Time of Perſecution. When he was about ſixty Years of Age, he had a Concern on his Mind to viſit Friends and Meetings in the North of *England*, and other Parts of the Nation; and in the ſeventy fifth Year of his Age travelled to *Cheſter*, and from thence went over into *Ireland*, in Company of *James Bates*, a Friend of the Miniſtry from *Virginia*, in the Service of Truth: In all which Places he had good Service, and Satisfaction, and was well received of Friends. In his old Age he was

attended with very great Exerciſes and Weakneſs by Lameneſs; yet his Activity was remarkable, for he would ſo far exert his Strength, as often to reach as far as *Devonſhire-houſe*, and *Bull and Mouth* Meetings, and ſometimes to the Workhouſe Meeting, from *Southwark* where he lived; but his Weakneſs increaſing, and being taken with a violent Pain in his Side, which when his Cough took him, with which he was often troubled, was very great. His Illneſs after increaſed to that Degree that it brought him very low.

He continued all the Time of his Illneſs in a patient and reſigned Frame. On *Firſt-day* in the Afternoon he took to his Bed, and that Evening being the 6th Day of the firſt Month, after the Meeting at *Horſlydown*, the Day before his Death, ſeveral Friends came to viſit him, who finding him very weak, after a little Stay, went to take their Leave of him, whom he deſired to ſit down, and after ſome Time of Silence, he brake forth in an intelligible and lively Manner to this Effect, *We have no continuing*

tinuing City here, but ſeek one to come which hath Foundations, whoſe Builder and Maker is God. Friends, that we may all labour to be prepared for our Laſt and great Change, that when this earthly Tabernacle ſhall be diſſolved, we may have a Habitation with the Lord, a Building not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens. And that it may be thus, the Lord hath ſhewed thee O Man what is good, to do juſtly, love Mercy, and walk humbly with thy God. I do not expect but this will be the laſt Night I ſhall have in this World, and deſire it may be remembred as the Words of a dying Man; that we may labour to be clothed upon with our Houſe that is from Heaven; ſo that when that Hour comes, we may have nothing to do but die. About one or two in the Morning the *Second-day* following, he began to change, and deſired to ſee his Son *George*, who with his Son-in-Law *Samuel Thornton* coming to ſee him, found him very *low*; and he expecting his End quickly to approach, ſaid, *he was waiting for his Change*: They ſitting by his Bed-ſide with the Nurſe, his

Houſe-keeper and Man, about the fourth Hour in the Morning, he prayed fervently after this Maner: *Lord, now letteſt thou thy Servant depart in Peace, for mine Eyes have ſeen thy Salvation, which thou haſt prepared before the Face of all People, a Light to lighten the* Gentiles, *and the Glory of thy People* Iſrael. *And now, Lord, be with thy People and Servants, and preſerve my near and dear Relations and Acquaintance, and keep them from the Snares and Temptations of the Enemy, in thy Truth, that they may fear thy great Name.* After a little Time of Silence, he deſired his Son *George* to *remember his dear Love in Chriſt Jeſus to his dear Brother, and all Friends, my old Friends,* ſaid he, *and Acquaintance.* About the eleventh Hour in the Morning, he enquired how the Tide was, which no Body then preſent could exactly tell; ſome Time after, he aſked again; his Man then went out to ſee, and told him it would be high Water about three in the Afternoon; he then lay ſtill a while as if conſidering, and ſpake cheerfully out aloud, ſo that all

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in the Room might hear, *I ſhall go off about five.* His Man aſked him, Maſter, how doſt know? To which he anſwered, *Know, I do not know, but I believe it.* The Apothecary coming to ſee him, ordered him a comfortable Drink, which he drank willingly, and then ſaid, *I don't think to drink any more in this World, but I hope I ſhall drink plentifully of the River of Life.* Then drawing on near his End, having ordered a Cord to be faſtened, by which he raiſed himſelf up as long as he had any Strength left in his Hands; and when his Hands fail'd him, and his Shoulders and Head, with which he laſt raiſed himſelf, he ſpoke very low, and faultered, yet ſo as he could be underſtood, *Now I am a going.* And about an Hour after, lying all that while ſtill, without either Sigh, Groan or Sob, departed this Life as in a Slumber, in ſweet Peace, juſt as the Clock went five, as he had foretold; who as he lived, ſo he died like a Lamb on the 7th Day of the firſt Month 1725, in the eighty fourth Year of his Age,

leaving the ſucceeding Generation a good Example.

On the *Sixth-day* following, being the 11th Day of the ſame Month, the Time appointed for his Funeral, his Body was accompanied by his Relations, who were many, from his own Houſe, to Friends Meeting-houſe at *Horſlydown*, where was a very large Company of Friends and Neighbours, amongſt whom he was well beloved, and ſeveral living Teſtimonies borne to the innocent and exemplary Life and honeſt Zeal of this our deceaſed Friend: His Corpſe was accompanied from thence to the Grave at Friends Burial-ground in *Bermundſey*, *Southwark*, and there interred with a farther Teſtimony to his exemplary Life and Converſation, and Services for that holy Truth he made Profeſſion of.

Thoma

THomas *Buſbey*, of *Banbury* in *Oxford-ſhire*, whom the Lord endued with the Knowledge of the Truth in his youthful Days, to which, through the Operation of his holy Spirit, he was made willing to give up in faithful Obedience in the Time of his laſt Ilneſs; through the renewed Viſitations, and freſh Influences of divine Love, he drop'd many precious and comfortable Expreſſions.

In a ſhort Time his Diſtemper increaſed ſo upon him as to confine him to the Houſe; on a *Firſt-day* ſome Friends came to viſit him, and ſitting together in a weighty Frame of Mind, he ſaid, *If it pleaſe the Lord to take me away by this Ilneſs, I am not afraid to die, bleſſed be the Name of the Lord my God, whom I have loved and ſerved from my young Years, and now in this low Condition, he has not forſaken me; all Glory and Honour be given to him, and the dear Lamb that ſits with him on the Throne,*

World without End; and though I have near and dear Things to leave behind me, as Wife and Children, to whom I would have been as a Shepherd a little longer, if the Lord had ſeen meet, but his Will be done; I ſhall leave and commit them to him, who hath been as a tender Father to me from the Time that he firſt viſited my Soul unto this Day: Oh! what ſhall I ſay of his Goodneſs and matchleſs Love. At another Time, to a Friend that came to viſit him, after having ſpoken a great deal of the Love and Goodneſs of the Lord to him in the Time of his Youth, in turning his Feet from the Paths of Vanity into the narrow Way that leads to eternal Reſt, he ſaid, *Oh! that our young Friends, who are growing up, would come to ſeek the Lord in their early Years, he would be aſſuredly found of them, my Soul is a Witneſs of what I now ſpeak. When I was but a Lad, and had ſecret Deſires after him, inſomuch that I thought I could be content to mourn out my Days in a Cave of the Earth, ſo that I might have an Aſſurance of a Dwelling with him, when Time here ſhould*

be no more, ſo ſtrong were the Deſires that the Lord had raiſed in me, that nothing ſhort of this would ſatisfy, which cauſed me many Times, I might ſay Years, to go mourning and ſeek the Lord, till at length he was pleaſed to appear by his inſpeaking Word in the Secret of my Heart, ſaying, Thou art mine, wait thou on me and I will protect thee. Oh! how has he made good his Promiſe; yea he has done more for me, both inwardly and outwardly, than at any Time ever entered my Heart to deſire or expect; the which cauſes Adoration and Praiſes to aſcend from me, who am but as a Worm before him. At another Time, he being as it were overcome by the Love of God, and in a tender Frame of Mind, ſaid, *One Dram of my Father's Love is better than all the Doctor's Cordials; Oh! it is this that ſupports my drooping Spirits; I thank thee O Father that thou haſt not forgotten me in this low Condition.* One Time ſpeaking to ſome young Friends that came to viſit him, ſome of his Expreſſions were theſe: *Keep in the narrow Way ſpoken of by our Saviour Chriſt, in what-*

whatſoever Company you may be; and keep to an inward Exercise of Mind, and to the Teaching of the Holy Spirit in yourſelves, that you may be thereby prepared, and ready for whatſoever Work and Service the Lord may be pleaſed to call you to; for he worketh in whom he pleaſeth, and how he pleaſeth; Time will fail, and Strength will fail, therefore improve your Time, and prepare yourſelves while ye have Time. My dear Friends, my Love is to you, and remember my Love to Friends, for I ſhall depart hence e're it be long; bleſſed be the Lord, I am ſtrengthned in Spirit beyond what I expected. Some Friends of *Ireland*, in their Journey to the Yearly Meeting at *London*, gave him a Viſit, and the Lord was pleaſed to favour them, a little before they took Leave of him, with ſuch a degree of Divine Sweetneſs and Harmony upon their Spirits, by which they were ſo reached and tendered, that they declared their great Comfort and Satisfaction in their Viſit.

At another Time, in ſweet Compoſure of Mind, ſpeaking to his Wife, he

he ſaid, *Oh! my Dear, what manner of Love is this, wherewith the Lord hath loved my Soul, that I am as it were overcome therewith, ſo that I am ready to ſhout aloud for Joy, and to go beyond my Strength, for I ſee no End of praiſing him for his many Mercies and Viſitations of Love; ſurely it is as a Brook by the Way, to confirm my Faith and Hope in him, which is as an Anchor ſure and ſtedfaſt, that all Tempeſts and contrary Winds have never been able to ſhake or overturn, becauſe it was built upon the invincible Rock, the Rock of Ages and Foundation of all the Righteous; my Soul ſhall ſing eternal Praiſes unto it, becauſe I have taſted of the Streams that iſſue therefrom, at this Time as well as at many other Times, Glory be to God and the Lamb for ever and for evermore.* And ſpeaking of that Power whereby the Soul is renewed and made alive to God; *Oh!* ſaid he, *That we may all keep to it, 'tis this which will give us the Victory over the many Things that would draw away our Minds from him, and from a faithful Dependance upon him, my Soul is a Witneſs for the pure God,*

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that if we keep to the Power, in that we are made more than Conquerors by him who hath loved us, and ſhed his moſt precious Blood for us; and though I am weak, and my outward Man decays, yet my Faith and Hope is renewed in him, ſo that I know whoſe I am, and whom I ſerve, and nothing ſhall be able to pluck me out of his Hands, for it is by this Power I have been upheld to this Day, and though the Archers have ſhot at me, my Bow abode in Strength, ſo that with the Patriarch I can ſay, the Arms of my Hands have been made ſtrong by the Hands of the mighty God of Jacob, *that has preſerved me, endleſs Glory be given to him.*

The 25th Day of the ſeventh Month 1726, a Friend, who lived at ſome diſtance came to viſit him, and aſking him how he was, he anſwered, *All is well, except the poor Body, and that is ſore afflicted, but the Lord has graciouſly ſupported me under it, beyond Expectation:* And after having been a little in Silence, he broke forth into Prayer, and returned Praiſes to the Lord for his wonderful loving Kindneſs, in affording him

him his comforting Presence in a Time of great Exercises, and his strengthening Power and supporting Arm under such great Pains and long and sore Afflictions of Body, which he was attended with.

The 27th of the aforesaid Month, some Friends that had tarried all Night, in the Morning asked him how he was? he answered, *I was in Hopes I was a going once To-night*; for he had had a very ill Fit, in which they who were with him thought he was departing; *I am very desirous to be released from this great Affliction of Body I am under, if it please the Lord*; *but his Will be done*: And about two Hours after, the said Friends being about to take their Leave of him, he, though very weak, being then near his End, raised himself up in the Bed, strengthning him beyond Expectation, and in the Aboundings of Divine Goodness supplicated the Lord to this Effect, *viz. That the Lord would be pleased to strengthen and uphold all the Weak, and comfort all the Afflicted, whether in Body or Mind*; *and that the Lord*,

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according to his heavenly Will, and divine Wisdom, would raise up a powerful and living Ministry of the young People among Friends; and that he would graciously vouchsafe of his Favour to his People, to endue the present Ministry with a larger Demonstration of the Spirit, so that nothing might appear among them but the pure Streams and Current of Life; that those who were lately convinced, belonging to Eadon *Meeting, might be preserved, and attain to an Establishment in the Truth, and persevere to the End; and that the Youth among us in general, might be favoured with a fresh Visitation of the Love of God, to draw their Affections from the Pleasures and vain Fashions of the World, to an earnest seeking of the Lord, and thereby to a Possession and Enjoyment in themselves of the Power and Excellency of Truth, which will afford them Comfort in a Time of Trouble and Afflictions, and Strength under Exercises and Weakness, and Peace in an Hour when all the World and the Glory thereof will stand them in no Stead.* Towards his End, being weak in Bed, a Friend came

ame to visit him, and speaking of the tate of Things, and the Liberty some f the Professors of Truth took to re- ile the Innocent, he said, *Dear Friend e not discouraged, though there is Dark- es in* Egypt *there is Light in* Goshen, ea, *it is such Darkness that may be felt; y Soul hath travelled under the Weight it many Times; and tho' it is so, and ath been so, the Lord will have Regard to is own Seed, he knows who they are, and here they are. I could say a great deal ut am much spent, having had a large Morning Sacrifice with some of my Friends hat are gone away To-day: Oh! Glory God, do not distrust his Goodness, he ever fails those who have a true De- endance upon him, my Soul is a living itness of it.* And farther said, *Altho' have been under so long and sore Af- ction of Body, yet the Enemy has never en suffered to tempt me to despair, or ubt of my future Happiness.*

He left it as a Charge with his Fami- , that nothing of Mourning Apparel, any Thing that had the least Ap- arance thereof, might be wore on the

the Account of him after his Deceaſe Many more excellent Sayings which h delivered, worthy of Memorial, migh have been here inſerted for the Benefi and Encouragement of others, to fol low the Ways of Piety and Virtue had it been poſſible to have retained them exactly in Mind. He departed this Life the 13th Day of the eighth Month, 1726, aged about ſixty Years and was buried in Friends Burying ground at *Eadon* in *Northamptonſhire* the 19th of the ſame Month, and hi Funeral was attended by a large Com pany of Friends and Neighbours.

JOſhua *Brook*, Son of *Richard Brook* and *Martha* his Wife, of *Raw* near *Huthersfield* in *Yorkſhire*, was born the 17th Day of the twelfth Month, 1701 and educated in the Way of Truth, as profeſſed by the People called *Quakers* He was inclinable to Learning from his Childhood, and as he grew to ripe Years, he purſued it with more Dili gence

gence; when others, equal with him in Age, were ſpending their Time in Vanity and Play, he would often be writing, or reading the holy Scriptures, and ſome other Books, in which he much delighted; which was a Means of preſerving him from the many fooliſh and hurtful Vanities Youth are too much inclinable to.

But afterwards falling into the Company of ſome who pretended to great Learning, he was led to be a great Admirer of it, ſo that his Mind was too much taken up with it, and diverted from a due Regard to that inward Principle of Light and Grace in himſelf; but afterwards the Manifeſtation of that divine Light ſhining clearly in his Heart, ſhewed him his Neglect of minding that inward Teacher; and when he came to ſee he muſt begin to learn anew, and was brought under great Exerciſe and inward Trouble, inſomuch that he was ſcarce fit for Converſation, but very much deſired to be alone; and the Company of thoſe who had been his Companions became unpleaſant

unpleaſant to him ; and continuing in
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and diligent in going to Meetings, a
much retired in them ; and his Ca
was ſuch, not to neglect that gre
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that long after his Infirmity came up
him, which was Lameneſs, which co
tinued to his End, he would go wi
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his Infirmity increaſed upon him, th
he was not able to walk, he wou
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growing weak, he was obliged to ſt
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keep his Bed, when many lively a
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After a long and ſore Affliction,
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dually, until he was very big, and could not lie down in his Bed, but ſat up in it, not being able to turn himſelf without Aſſiſtance for about ſeven Weeks before his Departure; and altho' in the Time of his long Illneſs, his Affliction was great and hard to bear, yet was much over ballanced by that heavenly Love and inward Refreſhment which he was favour'd with; his patient Conduct, and the many ſeaſonable Expreſſions that dropt from him under this heavy Exerciſe, had great Influence, and were very affecting to all Ranks of People that came to viſit him, which were many, how lively he was in his Spirit, and innocent and ſweet in his Converſation whilſt on his Death-bed it is to be hoped will not be forgot by thoſe that viſited him. He often gave good Advice to the Youth, ſaying, *Tho' you are Young and in the Flower of your Age, yet think not yourſelves ſecure, you may ſee a pregnant Example in me, who was once of as healthful a Conſtitution as moſt of you, how ſoon that over-ruling Hand may bring you into the ſame Condition ye know not:*

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the Face, they might not be ſurpriſed
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him, and perceiving him dejected i
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So after the Meeting was over, man
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Night, but now the Lord is returned again, for which I bleſs his holy Name. Some young Friends tarried with him that Night, thinking him near his Concluſion, having had a ſore Fit the Night before, and his ſurviving it not being expected, of which he had a Return the Night following; when he felt it come on, he beckoned to each of them with his Hand, and they coming near, he took them by the Hand one by one and kiſſed them, taking his ſolemn Leave of them; and they remained by his Bed-ſide, expecting his Departure; but after ſome Time, he recovered out of that fainting Fit, and looking up, ſaid with great Reverence and Sedateneſs of Mind, *I thought I had been near the Port of eternal Reſt, and would gladly have remained there, but I ſee my Time is prolonged, and for a while I muſt return again into this troubleſome World, but God will deliver me from all my Exerciſes, bleſſed be his eternal Name:* With much more to the ſame Effect. At another Time, one of his familiar Friends coming to viſit him, aſked him

how he did, he answered in much brokenness of Spirit, *The Lord will in his appointed Time cure me of all my Maladies, blessed be his holy Name*: With many more pious Expressions to those who visited him. At another Time he said, *The Lord hath plucked my Feet out of the Mire and Clay, and set them upon a Rock*; *the Lord hath delivered my Soul from all Unrighteousness, there is no Obstruction in my Way, Death is no Terror to me, it is the most pleasant thing that ever mine Eyes beheld, I would not, if I might have my Health again, remain here.* Sometimes saying, *I see to the End of Mortality, but I cannot come at it yet.* *Henry Jackson*, a Friend that had a great Respect for him in the Time of his Health, and often visited him in his Sickness, to their Comfort and inward Refreshment, the last Time he came, a few Days before his End, he pray'd by him; after which he said in much Tenderness to this Effect: *My Work is almost done, I am going to the Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles, to sing Halelujahs and Praises for ever and ever*

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more. *Henry* ſaid, as he was coming to viſit him, it ſeemed to him as tho' the holy Angels of God were waiting to receive the Word of Command to conduct his Soul into the Manſions of Glory, and that he would have wiſhed himſelf in his Condition: To which he anſwered, *It will not be long ere we ſhall meet again*; which took ſuch Impreſſion on *Henry*'s Mind, that ſoon after he told a Friend, he believed it would come to paſs, for he thought his Days in this World would not be many. And about fourteen Weeks after, *Henry* alſo finiſhed his Courſe. His Diſtemper growing more violent he weakened faſt, but as his outward Man decayed, his inward Comfort encreaſed, and waiting in Patience and Reſignation to the Will of God for the Word of Command from the great Diſpoſer of all Things, in a full Aſſurance of his Soul's Salvation, ſaying, *He ſhould go to his everlaſting Reſt, to ſing Praiſes for ever and evermore.* He departed this Life the 13th Day of the ſeventh Month 1727, in the twenty ſixth Year of his Age, and it is

not to be doubted, is arrived where the Wicked ceaſe from troubling, and the Weary are at Reſt.

His Funeral was attended by a large Number of Friends and ſober Neighbours, and the aforeſaid *Henry Jackſon* being preſent, bore Teſtimony to the Truth, and repeated divers pious Expreſſions which dropt from him on his dying Bed, with which many were much affected.

Rebeccah Jacob, Wife of *Iſaac Jacob*, of *Waterford* in *Ireland*, Daughter of *William Penroſe* and *Margaret* his Wife of the ſame City, was from her Childhood of a meek and innocent Behaviour, and as ſhe advanc'd in Years, witneſſed a Growth in the bleſſed Truth, often being favoured in religious Retirements with the Lord's tendering Goodneſs, whereby ſhe was ſtrengthned in Faith to walk humbly before him. She was an affectionate and tender Friend, Companion and Wife.

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It pleaſed the Lord to viſit her with a lingering Sickneſs about two Months before her End, in which Time ſhe was not known to repine, but with Cheerfulneſs of Mind yielded to that Affliction and Weakneſs of Body, which increaſing, and her End drawing near, ſhe aſked her Mother-in-Law if *ſhe thought her near departing*; who replyed, ſhe thought ſhe was: Then ſhe deſired to wait on the Lord; and after ſome Time ſaid, *I have a good and loving Huſband, a good Mother-in-Law, and want for nothing, and never repented my coming into the Family; we have what the World can afford, but now the Lord is more to me than all:* And ſaid, *I have had many good Times alone, when no Eye ſaw me*; and ſoon after ſaid, *Oh! thou great Preſerver of Men, thou haſt comforted my Soul when alone, and preſerved me from Evil, and now I feel thy good Preſence near me:* Then fervently prayed to the Lord not to forſake her in the needful Time, ſaying, *Oh! thou holy One, be near me ſtill.* She remembred her dear Love to Friends, and thoſe who might

enquire after her, and calling for her Brothers, tenderly adviſed them to fear God, and to be dutiful to their Parents, and not to grieve them. Then prayed to the Lord for her Huſband, ſaying, *Oh! thou great Preſerver of Men, bleſs and preſerve him I beſeech thee, in all his Ways, in his Goings out, and in his Comings in, and in all that he doth, or taketh in hand to do.* And deſiring her Mother to keep near her to the laſt, ſaid to her, *The Comfort of the Lord is more to me than all the World, and that which grieveth me moſt, is to part with my dear Huſband.* She continued to praiſe and ſupplicate the Lord, intreating him to be near her in the needful Time, meaning her Paſſage hence, and ſaid, *She was afraid the Lord would be angry if ſhe praiſed him not.* Then taking her Leave of her Relations and Friends preſent, was not heard to ſpeak much after, only once ſaid, *Oh! thou God of my Father, Oh! thou holy One, be near me ſtill.* And her Speech failing from the twelfth Hour till half after nine at Night, it then pleaſed God to

put a Period to her being here, and no doubt hath taken her into his glorious Reſt.

She died the 3d Day of the ſecond Month, 1728. And the 6th Day of the ſame, her Corpſe was attended by Friends and friendly Neighbours to the Meeting-houſe, where ſeveral Teſtimonies where borne to the Truth, and was afterwards carried to Friends Burying-ground and decently interred, Aged twenty five Years, ſeven Weeks and three Days.

Frances Griffith was born at *Baltimore*, in the County of *Cork* in *Ireland*, in the Year 1656; came to *Cork* when ſhe was very young, where ſhe was convinced of God's everlaſting Truth about the twenty fourth Year of her Age, and as ſhe became obedient to the Manifeſtations and Dictates thereof, ſhe grew in Grace, and in the ſaving Knowledge of it; about the thirty ſeventh Year of her Age received a Gift in the Miniſtry, in

great Humility, Fear and Tenderneſs, wherein ſhe was all along very exemplary and careful not to appear without the Motion of divine Life, and a Neceſſity upon her, ſo that what ſhe delivered was edifying, ſeaſonable, and ſatisfactory to Friends. She travelled in ſome Parts of *England* and *Wales* in the Service of Truth; was a Woman of great Sincerity, Plainneſs and Self-denial, very exemplary to her Children and Family, for whom being frequently concern'd and engaged at Heart, that the Lord would be pleaſed to reach unto and viſit them in Mercy and Love; ſhe was favoured to ſee her Deſire in ſome degree anſwered; ſhe was zealouſly concerned for the Promotion of Truth and Righteouſneſs, and was a Sympathizer with the Afflicted in Body or Mind; a frequent Viſitor of the Sick, and induſtriouſly concerned for the Relief of the Poor. She was taken ill the 4th Day of the ſeventh Month, 1728, and continued ſo for ſome Days; during which ſhe lay in a ſweet compoſed Frame of Mind, bearing her

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Sickneſs with great Patience and Reſignation to the Will of God: Some Friends who came to ſee her, at their taking Leave, deſired ſhe might be reſtored to us, if it were the Lord's Will; ſhe anſwered, *It was Time for her to look from the World, and that it would be ſafe for them who were younger than ſhe, to do nothing againſt the Truth, but for the Truth, and that would adminiſter Peace to them in the End.* To a Relation and his Wife, that aſked her how ſhe did, ſhe replied, *Weak in Body but not in Mind, and that ſhe had nothing to do then but to die*; adding, *it is a brave thing to be Chaſte, Chaſte in our Love to God, to leave nothing to do at ſuch a Time as this.* The ſame Perſon deſired ſhe might be reſtored to us again; ſhe anſwered, *There is little Likelihood of it, however be it as the Lord will, I am ready, it is no Surprize to me, I have been long preparing for it, the Lord hath helped me to do it*; adding, *I have not much to ſay, being weak in Body, but this ſhort Sentence I leave with you,* Do nothing againſt the Truth, but all that you

can for the Truth. And when the aforesaid Friends were taking Leave of her, she calling her by her Name, said, *Be faithful to what is manifested to thee, the Lord hath made known his Will to thee, and Oh! be faithful to it, and thou wilt do well.* To a Friend that lived in the Neighbourhood, visiting her, she said, *There was a short Sentence which was much in her Mind, and she had recommended it to several,* To do nothing against, but all that ye can for the Truth, *the Reward of which will be great Peace in the End, and that she now witnessed, which was more to her than all the World*; adding, *you are a pretty Knot of Friends in this Neighbourhood, and I would have you to be Preachers; I do not mean in Words or Apparel only, but also in Life and Conversation.* To her Daughter *Elizabeth Taylor*, and another Friend, who were sitting by her, she said, *There is a short Sentence which has lived in my Mind most part of this Night,* Have Salt in yourselves, and be at Peace one with another; with many other sweet and comfortable Expressions

Expreſſions which were not perfectly remembered, ſignifying her inward Peace and Satisfaction.

She lived to a good old Age, and was taken away like a Shock of Corn fully ripe the 10th Day of the ſeventh Month, 1728, in the ſeventy ſecond Year of her Age, and we are ſatisfied died in the Lord, and is entered into that Reſt prepared for the Righteous.

Jeremiah Waring, Son of *Henry Waring*, was born at *Hayly* in the Pariſh of *Witney*, and County of *Oxford*, in the Year 1652; who, while very young, had the Fear of God ſo impreſſed on his Heart, that he was led out of many childiſh Vanities and Diverſions that others his Equals and Contemporaries were in the Practice of; and by a ſober Conduct gave early Indications of being under the Operation of that Power which prepares for the Service of God; and as his Mind became more and more enlightened by

the Light of Life, he grew diſſatisfied with divers Ceremonies, Cuſtoms and Uſages of the Church of *England*, into which he had been initiated: Hence he was led, while an Apprentice in *London*, to ſeek carefully after a People whoſe Doctrines were purely Apoſtolic, and whoſe Lives, like the primitive *Chriſtians*, were full of Piety and good Works. And after having with a religious ſeeking Mind tried ſeveral other Profeſſions without finding among them the deſired Satisfaction, his unwearied and commendable Search after Truth at length led him to a Meeting of the People called *Quakers*, where the Teſtimonies delivered that Day co-operating with the Spirit of God in himſelf, he embraced their Doctrines with Joy and Gladneſs of Heart, and ſoon became throughly convinced of the bleſſed Truth, which broke in upon his Underſtanding with Demonſtration and Power, and diſpell'd the many Doubts, Fears and Troubles that had heretofore ſurrounded his Mind.

About two Years after this, as we judge, being out of his Apprenticeſhip, he received a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel to preach to others, and though in the Diſcharge of his Duty he twice ſuffered Impriſonment in *London* with others of the then afflicted People of God, yet he was no ways diſcouraged thereby, but, as ſoon as Liberty was granted him, continued viſiting the Meetings there and there-away, exhorting Friends to be faithful to the Diſcoveries God had made in their Souls of his Will, and to ſtand immoveable for his Name and Truth on Earth.

About the Year 1681, he viſited the Meetings that were ſettled near his native Place in *Oxfordſhire*, where his Teſtimony was well received, many having been there lately convinced in thoſe Parts, among whom was *Mary* the Daughter of *Henry Wheeler*, of *Witney*, a modeſt, diſcreet, religious young Woman, with whom he contracted an honourable Intimacy, and at length obtained her in Marriage.

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They ſettled firſt at *Croydon* in *Surry*, and not long after removed to *Enſham* in *Oxfordſhire*, and at laſt about the Year 1685, to *Witney*, where the Lord was pleaſed to bleſs them with many both temporal and ſpiritual Bleſſings, which enabled them to open their Hearts and Houſe to entertain Friends, and contribute to the Neceſſities of others in Diſtreſs. And as he was often engaged Abroad in the Diſcharge of his Duty to God and the Churches round about, the Conduct and Diligence of his Wife in their temporal Affairs, rendered his Abſcence very little inconvenient to his Family and Buſineſs; inſpired with the Hopes of ſharing in the Reward of his Labours, ſhe ſpared no Pains, and grudged nothing ſhe could do to render the Benefit thereof as diffuſive as poſſible; and her Endeavours, ſhe uſed to think, were bleſſed the more, the more he was given up to the Service of Truth in which he was indeed an unweari Labourer even when old Age and I firmity of Body might have pleaded h Excuſe.

He was a Miniſter of the *New-Teſtament*, and diligently laboured according to the Degree of the Gift beſtowed on him; his Miniſtry was plain and inſtructive, and according to the meaſure of it, tended to convince the Underſtandings of the Ignorant, and the Reformation of thoſe who obeyed not the Goſpel, and to the confirming the Feeble-minded, and the Refreſhment of the drooping Soul.

For the weak and hindermoſt of the Flock he had a tender Regard that they might come forward; and that thoſe Meetings might be viſited to which no publick Friends did belong, rather than too many to go to one Meeting at the ſame Time, though he would often ſay, *He went not out at the Invitation of others, except to Marriages and Burials, but as he found Drawings in his own Mind*, which have at Times engaged him to travel much in this Nation, but more eſpecially in his own and adjacent Counties, and was generally well received, not only for this his Labour in the Miniſtry, but alſo for

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his cheerful, free and easy Behaviour in the Families where his Lot was cast.

He was a zealous Promoter of Brotherly-love and Unity, and where any Difference had arisen in Families, would endeavour to reconcile the Parties by visiting and treating with them in a manner becoming a Minister of the Gospel of Peace, whose Labour of Love in this Respect was generally well accepted, and doubtless by some to their no small Advantage.

His Company was sought after by the Sick and Distressed, to whom he had frequently a Word of Advice suitable to their State and Condition. And his Service in Meetings of Discipline was too considerable to be wholly omitted here, or easily forgotten by them who knew it. And being an Elder in the Church, he was concerned that the Flock of God might be fed, and took the Oversight thereof, not by Constraint but willingly, not for filthy Lucre, but of a ready Mind, not as a Lord over God's Heritage, but as an Ensample to the Flock.

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About three Months before his Death, it pleaſed God to remove hence his dear and loving Wife, after they had lived together above forty ſix Years, of whoſe Virtue it may not be amiſs to give the following ſhort Account.

She was a Wife kind and faithful, frugal and induſtrious, but not covetous. A Mother tenderly affectionate and even handed, ſhining in Example; a Neighbour peaceable, obliging and beneficent, and of good Report, and it may be ſaid of her, ſhe was a Mother in the Church: Having brought up Children, lodged Strangers, relieved the Afflicted, and was diligent in good Works.

She departed this Life in great Peace, in Unity with Friends, and in full Aſſurance of an Inheritance with the Saints in Light, ſaying on her Death-bed, *She had done her Days Work in the Day Time.* It were eaſy to enlarge on their Virtues both publick and private, but to avoid Prolixity, ſhall haſten to make ſome mention of his laſt Illneſs, which ſeized him the 14th of the eleventh Month

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1729-30, being the Morrow after his Return from visiting *Stow* Meeting, and continued about a Week; in which Time having some Intervals of Ease, he spake many sweet and heavenly Sentences to his Children, and those that came to see him, among which the following few to his Children are remembred.

Dear Children,

When your Mother and I came together it was in the Fear of God; we had but little of this World, yet we were content and he made that little sufficient; our Hearts were always open, and our House too, to receive Friends, and we never thought we had the less, but on the contrary believed we were blessed the more for we experienced that Saying verified They who seek the Lord shall not want any good Thing. *Oh! he is a good and a gracious God; if you keep to Truth and love him, he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

His Daughter speaking to him when he thought he had been alone, he said *Art thou there? I felt the Love of God*

so strong upon my Heart, I have been supplicating his Name, and I have freely offered up myself to his Disposal, to do which Way it pleases him. He can bring down to the Grave, and he can raise up again, his Will be done. I had once a Desire, with Submission, to have visited two or three Meetings more, observing in my last Journeys how thin the Elders very where appeared, and how Religion seemed to be at a low Ebb; yet the Principle of Truth must prevail; for the Lord has promised, He will give his Son the *Heathen* for his Inheritance, and the uttermost Parts of the Earth for his Possession. *And though we see but little of this yet, I shall die, as several Elders have before me, in the Faith of it;* Abraham *saw but little of that large Promise made to him of multiplying his Seed as the Stars of Heaven, and as the Sand upon the Sea-shore.*

Being asked how he did, he said, *I had a comfortable Time both in Body and Mind, and have been looking back to my Youth, reviewing the narrow Way that leads to Life; remembring how our ancient*

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'twould be to part with ſuch dear an
tender Parents, he ſaid, *We have lived t
a good old Age, and the Lord has neve
forſaken us, and if you cleave to him, h
will never depart from you.*

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but read the holy Scriptures, and regar
there the precious Promiſes of Chriſt.*

After having taken ſomething, he ſaid
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Moon to ſhine in it; for the Glory of God and the Lamb is the Light thereof.

Mention being made of the Lord's rewarding him for his Labour and Service in the Church, he ſaid, *We are poor empty Creatures, we can merit nothing, all we have we receive from him, and all we do is but our reaſonable Duty; the Lord hath no need of us, for he is altogether glorious and Happy in himſelf, but we have need of him.*

Another Time, when he could take no Reſt, he ſaid, *Sweet Lord! eaſe thy Servant for his Sake who loved me from my Youth upward.*

Recovering out of a violent Fit of Pain, he cried, *O Lord thy Will be done! thy Will be done! thy Will be done! thou haſt been with me all my Life long; Oh! be with me now in theſe my dying Moments, and with my Children and Grand-Children, that ſo we may meet in thy heavenly Habitation, where we ſhall never part more. Oh! thou Shepherd and Keeper of* Iſrael, *that neither ſlumbers nor ſleeps, into thy everlaſting Arms of Mercy do I commit them with my own Soul. I ſought thee in*

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my tender Years, and thou wast found of me, and hast been with me till this very Day; thou hast cast all my Weakneſſes behind thy Back, where they ſhall never be remembred more; and haſt many Times given me a full Aſſurance of a reſting Place with thee for ever and ever.

He departed this Life the 21ſt of the eleventh Month, 1729-30. And on the 24th of the ſame, his Corpſe accompanied by a great many Friends from diverſe Parts of the County, was decently interred at Friends Burying-place in *Witney*, after a Meeting held on the Occaſion, wherein the Power and Preſence of the Almighty was eminently felt, to the tendering the Hearts of many, and ſealing upon their Spirits that he had entered into that Reſt which remaineth for the People of God, which Reſt is glorious. Aged ſeventy ſeven, and a Miniſter near fifty Years.

Ellen Beuley, Wife of *Daniel Beuley* of the City of *Dublin* in *Ireland*, and Daughter of *Joseph Inman* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, of the ſaid City, being religiouſly inclined from her Childhood, was concerned not only in Meetings for the Worſhip of Almighty God, but alſo at other Times, to wait to feel the Incomes of that divine Power, which as it is given way unto, cleanſeth the Heart, and nouriſheth up the Soul unto Life eternal. She would often repeat that Saying of our bleſſed Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, *Mat.* xxii. 12. *Friend, how cameſt thou in hither, not having a Wedding Garment?* ſhewing thereby, that being only called a Friend would avail nothing, without the Wedding Garment, the white Linen, the Saints Righteouſneſs, which ſhe was earneſtly concerned for at many Times, as well as in her laſt Illneſs, wherein ſhe expreſſed to this Effect: *That at Times ſhe enjoyed ſo much Peace and Comfort,*

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as she had thought Mortals could scarcely have been made Partakers of; saying, *she was easy in her Mind to die or live, being freely resigned to the Lord's Will.* At another Time, sitting with her Husband and Children, she said, *They were happy that did not rest only in a Name or Form of Religion, but waited for the Power*; and often expressed her Trouble for such who seemed at *Ease, and satisfied barely in a Form, giving way to Sleepiness, and Unconcernedness in religious Meetings.* She several Times expressed her Satisfaction in Friends Visits; and said, *The Lord was very kind to her in her Weakness, in renewing his blessed Presence to the Comforting and Strengthening of her*; and earnestly desired the *Lord would enable her to bear her Affliction patiently, being willing to be dissolved, and was fully satisfied of her future Happiness*; saying, *Praises are due to the eternal God.* She was also earnestly concerned for her Children, desiring the *Lord would bless them*, and that they *might walk according to Truth, in Humility and Plainness*; saying, *she had rather*

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they ſhould die, than live, except they did well; and alſo deſired thoſe about her, *to be careful to live ſo as they might be fit to die.*

She departed this Life in great Peace, in *Dublin*, the 8th Day of the ſixth Month 1730, and was buried in Friends Buring-ground at *Cork-ſtreet, Dublin*, the 11th Day of the ſaid Month.

MAry *Bewley*, Daughter of *George Bewley* and *Bleſſing* his Wife, of the City of *Cork* in *Ireland*: She was a ſober, orderly, dutiful and affectionate Child to her Parents, loving, meek, and courteous in her Behaviour, and generally beloved by all that knew her; ſhe loved and kept to Plainneſs in Speech and Apparel, and rather diſliked than affected Finery and vain Faſhions. She was of a weakly Conſtitution, and ſeemed in a declining State of Health for ſome Time before her laſt Sickneſs, which ſhe was taken with in the ſixth Month 1730, but recovered again ſo

much, that at her Desire to see her Grandmother, *Blessing Fennel* of *Youghall*, she was carried thither the 9th Day of the seventh Month; but a few Days after, her Weakness and Disorder returned, which continued till her Death. She was often thoughtful of her latter End, and under a close Concern of Mind, with Prayers to the Lord to prepare her for it, and soon became resigned to the Will of God, and grew indifferent, and rather unwilling to take many Medicines, saying, *She thought it not well to take too many Things, or have a Dependance upon them, or Doctors.* And when at one Time she saw her Mother troubled because she did not take Things thought suitable for her, she said, *Dear Mother be not concerned for me, for if I am to live, I take enough; but I do not desire to live except to serve the Lord:* And desired she *might be endued with Patience to bear her Affliction and Sickness*; and was in a close Exercise and Consideration, how she had spent her Time, and what she had said or done amiss; and prayed to the Lord

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to *pardon and paſs by her Offences.* Alſo deſired her Parents and near Relations about her, to pray for her, ſaying, *I am ſo weak, I think I am not able to pray for myſelf*, but added, *we muſt do it*, i. e. pray for ourſelves.

The 1ſt Day of the eighth Month ſhe ſaid to her Siſter *Hannah*, then about twelve Years of Age, *My dear Siſter, honour thy Father and Mother, and do not give way to little fooliſh Things, for by ſmall Things the Enemy draws away the Minds of poor Children; and my dear, mind thy dear Siſter's dying Words, and do not put Things off to a dying Day, and think it is Time enough.* That Evening her Father came from *Cork* to ſee her, to whom ſhe expreſſed her Willingneſs to die, but longed for a more full Aſſurance of the Love and Favour of God; and next Morning he aſked her how ſhe did, ſhe anſwered, *Very weak, but I feel a little more Comfort now, I hope the Lord is my Strength*; and in a ſenſible frame of Mind called on the Lord, ſaying, *Dear Lord forgive me my Sins, and teach me to pray*; ;

Lord have Mercy on me; my Saviour have Mercy on me; take me, dear Lord, if thou pleaſe; draw me, dear Lord, with the Cords of thy Love; with more ſenſible Words, but her Breath failing, ſhe deſired thoſe preſent might *pray to the Lord to make her Paſſage eaſy.*

The Doctor one Day came and aſked her how ſhe did, ſhe ſaid, *I am weak, but the Lord is ſtrong, and on him alone is my Dependance.* And to one of her Relations and Intimates, about her own Age, who came to ſee her, firſt kiſſing her, ſhe ſaid, *Dear Couſin, I have always loved thee, aud do ſo ſtill, and I believe thou art the ſame to me*; adding, *dear Couſin, we are going to part, remember thy latter End, and take Care of the World; do not mind the Things of it.* The 3d Day of the eighth Month ſhe called for her Father and Mother, and told them of her *Weakneſs of Body, and Exerciſe of Mind, and how buſy her Soul's Enemy was to put Thoughts into her Mind to diſturb her*; and prayed unto the Lord to ſtrengthen her, and alſo expreſs'd the Dearneſs of her Love and

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Affection unto them, for their Care over her in keeping her from ſundry Things which too many run into. And alſo ſaid, *She formerly ſeemed to reſt ſatisfied with her Education*, &c. *but when ſhe grew more in Years and Underſtanding, ſhe found that not ſufficient; and then the Fear of the Lord, and to live therein, was what ſhe deſired more than the Things of this World.* And at another Time ſhe *deſired her Grandmother would pray to the Lord to take her to himſelf*; and ſpoke of the Temptations of the Enemy, and how ſtrongly ſhe was beſet thereby; her Grandmother ſpoke encouragingly to her, bidding her not believe the Enemy, who often beſets thoſe who are near the Lord; the Child anſwered, *I am very weak, and can do nothing for myſelf, but 'tis the Lord that doth all for me*; adding, *Oh! the Lord hath been very merciful to me, and is ſo ſtill*; and being filled with a Senſe of his Love, ſaid, *How ſweet is the Love of God to my Soul; Oh! that I could praiſe him enough for his Love and Mercy; Oh! if the Love of God is*

ſo ſweet now, what will it be when I get fully to it; Oh! that I was with thee now, dear Lord; take me into thy Arms, dear Lord; and ſo went on praiſing the Lord, and ſaid, *I do not now wonder to have heard ſo many praiſing the Lord, for he is worthy of more Praiſe than I have Strength to give him.* Afterwards finding Withdrawings of the Love of God, ſhe was under a freſh Exerciſe on that Account, and prayed to the Lord to be *near her, and lift up the Light of his Countenance upon her*, deſiring *to be removed where the Wicked ceaſe from troubling, and the Weary are at Reſt.* The 4th Day of the eighth Month, and *Firſt-day* of the Week, enquiring what Day it was, ſhe ſaid, *She thought ſhe could not have continued ſo long, but may be I am kept the longer, becauſe I have too earneſtly deſired to be gone*, and therefore *ſhe deſired the Lord to give her Patience to wait his Time, which is the beſt Time.* Next Day ſhe viſibly changed for Death, and was much ſpent, having taken little Nouriſhment for ſeveral Days, and being aſked to take ſome-

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thing, *Oh!* ſaid ſhe, *the Love of God is what I deſire*; and prayed fervently for it, ſaying, *dear Lord ſend Comfort; why wilt thou withdraw thyſelf from thy poor Creature? One Taſte of thy Love before I go.* That Afternoon ſhe deſired to take her laſt Leave of her Parents, Siſter and Brother, and near Relations, and ſaid, *She thought it was better for her to do it then, leaſt afterwards ſhe ſhould not be ſo fit:* And in a very ſenſible and indeared Manner took Leave of them; and ſoon after ſhe was taken with a Faintneſs, ſo that it ſeemed as if ſhe was paſſing away, but revived again, and that Evening the Lord was pleaſed graciouſly to ſatisfy her Soul with the renewed and freſh Incomes of his divine Love, in a feeling Senſe whereof ſhe broke forth, ſaying, *Oh! dear Lord, how ſweet is thy Love and Preſence! No Tongue can tell it but thoſe that feel it; Oh! Praiſes to the Lord, how ſhall I praiſe him enough!* And deſired thoſe preſent *to praiſe the Lord for her*; and ſaid, *ſhe believed that Night ſhe ſhould be with her dear Saviour*; and

a few Hours after the Pangs of Death increaſed, which ſhe bore with great Patience, frequently calling on the Lord whilſt ſhe had Strength, and about the fifth Hour in the Morning quietly departed this Life the 6th Day of the eighth Month, 1730, aged fifteen Years and five Months.

Alexander Hopwood, Son of *Samuel Hopwood* and *Ann* his Wife, born at *Auſtle* in the County of *Cornwall* the 14th Day of the firſt Mouth 1713; and his Parents being ſuch as feared the Lord, having an Eye to his Honour, endeavoured to inform his Mind of the Principles of Truth when very young, which had a good Effect upon him, for he was careful in his Converſation to avoid thoſe Vices which too much prevail upon the Minds of many of the Youth in our Time.

In the Year 1732 he inclined to accompany his Father to *London*, and they ſet forward the 26th Day of the

ſecond Month for *Briſtol* Yearly Meeting, and from thence to *London*; in his Journey, but more eſpecially during his Stay in the City of *London*, the Lord was pleaſed to renew the Viſitation of his Love to him, and gave him to experience an Increaſe of the Knowledge of his bleſſed Truth.

He got well Home with his Father the 30th Day of the fifth Month, but afterwards was much out of Health at Times, and on the 1ſt Day of the ſeventh Month was ſeized with a violent *Fever*; and next Day, his Mother being by him, he ſaid, *If the Lord is pleaſed to take me, I am fully ſatisfied I ſhall go well, and my Soul will be happy, and have a Place among the Righteous.* The Day before he departed, being in a heavenly Frame of Mind, which carried him above his Bodily Weakneſs, he broke forth in Supplication unto the Lord to this Effect: *O Lord! thou that preſerved* Shadrach, Meſhach, *and* Abednego, *in the fiery Furnace, art able to preſerve me unto the End; O God what ſhall my Soul ſay! I will wreſtle*

with thee like Jacob, *if I pray all Night, however if thou wilt not make me like him, give me an Evidence of Favour with thee, whether I live or die, give me a Place within thy Houſe. Lord if thou art pleaſed to ſpare my Life, I will obey thy Commands in any thing thou art pleaſed to require of me*; he alſo ſaid, *he never was guilty of any groſs Evil, and he was not afraid to die*: And being ſpent, he lay ſtill in a ſweet Frame of Mind; his Father, Mother, Siſter, and others being in the Room, he looked earneſtly on his Father, and ſaid, *Haſt thou any thing on thy Mind?* He anſwered, yes Child; and kneeling down, prayed by him, and the Goodneſs and Love of God came over all preſent; and the young Man making Melody, ſeemed to have an Evidence of that divine Favour which his Soul had been ſo deeply engaged for; and ſoon after ſaid, *O Lord what ſhall my Soul ſay! I have not Breath to praiſe thee O my God! but will do it as long as it laſts.* After a little Pauſe, he ſaid, *I believe I muſt take my Leave of you*; his Mother anſwered,

anſwered, doſt thou think ſo my Dear? He replied, *Yes I do, farewel all my dear Relations, I hope we ſhall meet again in Heaven, give my dear Leve to my dear Brother*, who lay very ill of the ſame Diſtemper in another Room, and looking on his Siſter, ſaid, *Pray dear Siſter do not weep, that will but trouble me*; and then he began his laſt Farewel, ſaying, *Farewel Father*, and kiſſing him ſeveral Times, and alſo expreſſing himſelf with much Love and Affection to his Mother, and deſired, *If the Lord did not ſee fit to give him a longer Time in this World, he might be favoured with a quick and eaſy Paſſage*: And the Lord of his infinite Goodneſs was pleaſed to grant his Requeſt, for after having ſpent the Night pretty much in Slumber, near his End ſaid, *Call my dear Mother that I may take my full View of her*; and next Morning like a Lamb, without Sigh or Groan, he departed this Life, being the 10th Day of the ſeventh Month, 1732, aged eighteen Years ſix Months and twenty ſeven Days. And

we doubt not is entered into that Reſt prepared for the Righteous.

His Body was carried to the Meeting-houſe at *Auſtle*, where divers Teſtimonies were borne to the Truth to the Satisfaction of thoſe preſent; and from thence accompanied by many Friends and a great Number of the Inhabitants of the Town to Friends Burying-ground, and there interred the 12th Day of the aforeſaid Month.

Sarah Marriott, Daughter of *Richard Marriott* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, of *Mansfield* in the County of *Nottingham*, was a Child religiouſly inclined, which was obſerved by her Behaviour, eſpecially in religious Meetings, ſhe being of a good Underſtanding in the beſt Things. She was taken ill in the Beginning of the eighteenth Year of her Age, which proved a *Conſumption*; after ſome Time, ſhe went into *Warwickſhire* for change of Air, to ſome Relations there, but receiving no Benefit thereby,

thereby, ſhe grew weaker, and finding herhelf declining, was very deſirous to return Home, that ſhe might ſee her Brother and Siſters before ſhe died; her Father and Mother being preſent with her; accordingly it pleaſed the Lord to give her Strength to accompliſh it, to her and her Relations great Satisfaction. She came Home the 8th Day of the eleventh Month 1732. The ſame Evening her Heart being opened in the Love of God to impart her Mind to her Siſters, and them about her, ſhe ſignified that ſhe had had a Weaning Time from the World, and that ſhe ſaw nothing engaging in it, but the Company of her Relations; ſhe alſo let us know what an exerciſing Time ſhe had witneſſed when at *Coventry*, for want of the Preſence of the Lord, which he had withdrawn from her a little Time; and that altho' ſhe had never been guilty of any Thing that was bad, yet ſhe found little Things hard enough to get over, but now could ſpeak of the Goodneſs of the Lord to her; ſhe ſaid, *He had been good to her many Ways, and that nothing*

nothing ſtood in her Way, for which ſhe praiſed his holy Name, in a ſweet heavenly Frame of Mind, being reſigned to his Will; and ſo continued thoſe few Days ſhe was with us, in which Time ſhe gave good Exhortation to her Siſters, and left ſome Things as a Charge to be remembred by them, *As that they might be careful what Company they kept; and to avoid all ſuch as are light and airy, which draws the Mind further from God; but rather to chuſe the Company of ſuch who are religious: And alſo to avoid the Reading of all vain and unprofitable Books, which tend to corrupt the Minds of Youth:* But charged *them to read the holy Scripture, and ſuch Books as promote Godlineſs*; and deſired *they would be watchful againſt ſleeping in religious Meetings*, and ſhe ſet forth the Evil of it; as alſo of *ſinging of Songs*, and warned them againſt it; and farther added, that *ſhe hoped they would remember her Words when ſhe was gone*. And ſpeaking of the Viſitation of God to her very early, ſhe ſaid, *I heard him Call before I knew what it was.*

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About twelve Hours before her Death, being up in her Chair, she desired we might have a little Meeting with her, in which Time she was in a solid retired Frame of Mind, much desiring *she might have an easy Passage out of this Life*; which was granted her to all Appearance; she all along continued very sensible, and was not attended with those Agonies as are usual, but lay breathing in Spirit to the Lord; and a few Hours before her Departure, she desired *her Love might be remembred to all her Relations and Friends, and to all that asked of her; and that her Father and Mother might give her up to the Lord, she desiring to be resigned to the Will of him that gave her Being.* She departed this Life the 12th Day of the eleventh Month 1732, aged eighteen Years. And left a good Report behind her.

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I Being much inclined to leave some thing in Memory of my dear Wife *Margaret Ellis*, who was very dear to me and my Children, I may justly say she attained to a good old Age, and that we lived together about fifty two Years with a great deal of Satisfaction and altho' we waded through many Troubles of divers Kinds, yet we still found a secret Hand to support us, and we who were most conversant with her from good Experience can say, she lived and died in true Unity and Fellowship with Friends of Truth, since she was convinced thereof, and more especially in the Afternoon of her Day when her Candle shone brighter and brighter to the End, to our Comfort and Encouragement, as appears by the following Account.

Plymouth in the County of Philadelphia in Pensilvania the 8th Day of the sixth Month, 1731.

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MArgaret *Ellis*, Wife of *Rowland Ellis* of *Penſilvania*, for about the laſt ten Years of her Life was deprived of her Eye-ſight, which ſhe had a Senſe of about a Year before; for on a certain Time, moſt of the Family being gone to the Meeting, ſome Uneaſineſs took hold of her Mind for neglecting the Opportunity, apprehending the Time might ſoon come upon her, when ſhe would not be able to attend and enjoy thoſe precious Times; ſo the next Meeting ſhe went on Foot, with a willing Mind, tho' ſome Miles diſtant, at the Age of ſeventy five Years, continuing very diligent: But being now deprived of her Eye-ſight, and attended with the Infirmities of old Age, yet in this Condition ſhe appeared contented in Mind, tho' ſhe was deprived of what ſhe much deſired, *i. e.* the Company of Friends at Meetings, yet her Love did not decline, for whatever would fall in the Way, ſhe would encourage her little Family, as many as were able, to go to Meetings at all Opportunities; alſo in the Family to

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ſit down together, and at Times had a Word to ſpeak amongſt them of what the Lord had done for her Soul; and alſo often ſpoke to Friends, who came to viſit her, of the Benefit ſhe had received in Meetings, and that they might not eaſily neglect ſuch Opportunities through the Care and Cumbers of this World, which ſhe was ſenſible *choaked the Seed the good Huſbandman had ſown.* She was in her laſt Ilneſs affected with the Viſits of her Friends, ſaying at one Time, *With what manner of Love hath the Father loved us! ſurely this is that which Chriſt left with his Diſciples as their Badge; when this is enjoyed, it unites, and brings us near to himſelf and one another.* She encouraged a Friend, who had a few Words in Meetings, to Faithfulneſs, ſaying, *Hide not thy Talent in the Earth, becauſe it ſeems to thee but ſmall; but preſs on in the Way of Faith, and tho' it ſeems to thee as a Time of Night, the Day will break upon thee; and as thou remains faithful, thy Talent will be increaſed:* And at that Time lovingly took Leave of them all, ſaying

ng to ſome that wept, *Do not mourn for me, for I find my Redeemer is near me, and opens the Way, ſo that I have nothing to do but patiently undergo whatever he may be pleaſed to ſuffer*; and her Spirit being raiſed above her bodily Weakneſs, ſhe admired the Love and Goodneſs of God to her Soul. At another Time, a Friend coming to viſit her, he ſignified, *That the Day before, the loweſt Condition of* Ruth *came before her, when ſhe came with her Mother-in-Law from* Moab *to* Bethlehem, *and went into the Fields to glean, and happening in the Field of* Boaz, *ſhe found Favour, and was kindly received; and to make her Earnings the better, was admitted to glean among the Sheaves, the Reapers being diſpoſed to let fall Handfuls for her, inviting her to ſit at Meat with them, and by degrees ſhe came to be the Wife of* Boaz. Which Remarks ſhe made in great Tenderneſs of Spirit before the Lord, in the Senſe of his Goodneſs to them that came to hope under the Shadow of his Wing; comparing this to her Convincement, when ſhe came firſt among

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ſhewing an humble Senſe of the Merci
and Loving-kindneſs of God to her a
her Life long, and now more than ever
for added ſhe, *He is gathering me to hi*
ſelf, where I ſhall reſt with Kings a
Princes, with God, and holy Saints, a
Angels, with Jeſus Chriſt my Saviour a
holy Redeemer, being ſenſibly paſſing o
of this World to live for ever. In th
Time of her Sickneſs, which was lon
and tedious, ſhe alſo made Obſervatio
on *Joſeph*'s Condition when in Priſon
he had, ſaid ſhe, *the Favour of the Keepe*
the Care, the Love, and Goodwill of t
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Deliverance, he was to ſtay the Lord
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me, and ſo muſt I; for though I have e Love of my Friends, a kind Huſband, ing and tender Children, that are careful me, and all other Things needful, yet I ng to be freed from this mortal Part hich keeps the Soul as in Priſon; yet am aiting the Lord's Time, which is the beſt, d hope ſhall be content. Some Friends om *North Wales* alſo came to viſit her, d though very weak, ſhe rejoiced uch in their Viſit, ſaying, *I little ought this Morning I ſhould have had is Opportunity with any of you, but if herwiſe, all was well, for I find nothing ſtand in my Way on the other Side the rave*; and Anſwer being made, that at was better than all the World; *I ow it well*, ſaid ſhe, *in this my Sickneſs, had I not endeavoured to keep a Con- ence void of Offence towards God and lan, it would have been too hard a Taſk me now in this my great Weakneſs; I made it my Concern to look over my ay's Work when Night came to lay my ead upon the Pillow, and take a View of own Heart, leſt there ſhould be any ing the Lord had a Controverſy with;*

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that when the Midnight Cry came, I mig
be ready to enter into the Bride-chambe
having the Wedding Garment: Let
ſtrive to have their Accounts ready, ſ
I can tell you without boaſting, 'tis
excellent Thing to have our Lamps tri
med, that we may enter into the heaven
Reſt: Adding, *Remember my dear La*
in the Lord Jeſus to all Friends who m
enquire for me, and tell them, that
my Care hath been to live in his Fea
my Hope is to die in his Favour. So
this Time alſo deſiring to be releaſ
ſhe took her Leave of them, and
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rejoiced to find one of her Age ret
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to ſee that Greenneſs and Tender
which adorned her Countenance:
told them, *The Conſideration of Frie*
in the City came freſh in her Mind,
the Elders were moſtly removed;
ſaid ſhe, *you that are coming up in t*
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hort you are of them of the first Rank hat went before; be not discouraged in oming up in the Lord's Service; he will ndue you with Strength and Wisdom to arry on his own Work to the Honour of his Name. Remember the Zeal of Phineas *when he executed Judgment upon the Transgressors, whereupon the Plague was ayed; and how great was his Reward! for the Lord said to* Moses, Phineas *hath urned away my Wrath from* Israel, *so hat I have not consumed them in mine nger; therefore I will give unto him y Covenant of Peace:* Adding, *I am lad to hear a good Report of you, and he Lord preserve you.* And on parting ignified her great Love to faithful Friends. At another Time, being set ith the Family, tho' very weak, she aid, *You are young and strong in the Prime f your Time, Judgment and Understand- ng; improve your Talents in your Time, hat is the Way to be helpful to your aged arents. As for me, I question whether ver I shall have the like Opportunity with ou; it is my Desire you may follow on know and witness the Truth more and*

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more; let not the Manna *gathered Yester-day ſuffice you for To-day, ſo you will come to know Subſtance in yourſelves, and Strength towards God. Be careful of your aged Father, and helpful to him in his declining Years, he is weak and feeble, and eaſily caſt down too low; the Lord grant he may be ſo ſtrong as to run the Race with Patience.* A great Concern was often upon her Mind, *leſt too much Liberty ſhould creep into the Church, and thereby marr the Beauty of* Zion, *and cauſe her excellent Name to be a Scorn to the* Heathen: *Oh! that her Miniſters may be faithful, leſt they give Occaſion to open the Eye in many that watches for more Liberty, and that they may be careful in all Things both in Word and Deed.* The Day ſhe died, her Children being about her, it was aſked if ſhe had any thing farther to tell them; to which ſhe anſwered, *I have ſpoken to you while I had Strength, and Words given me, what ſhall I ſay more? You have the Anointing, the Spirit of Truth, which will lead you into all Truth.* Hearing her younger Daughter weep, ſhe ſaid

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Where is thy reſigning me up, as thou didſt this Morning? Is thy Faith weakened ſo ſoon? Get hold of him who in Time of great Exerciſe hath ſupported thee, and he will be the ſame again. About an Hour before ſhe departed, ſhe aſked what Time of the Night it was; it was anſwered, about eleven o' Clock; *From twelve till Break of Day, I uſually had my bad Fits,* ſaid ſhe, *and by and by I ſhall reſt quiet and eaſy with my Saviour.* Something to take was offered her, ſhe ſaid, *No more of the Fruit of the Vine, no more for ever.* So having deſired their Prayers for her ſhort Paſſage, ſtretched herſelf out, lifting up her Hands, committed her Soul to God.

MAry *Dowden*, of *Wandſworth* in *Surry*, was Daughter of *Chriſtopher Grainger* and *Mary* his Wife, of the Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, ſhe was born about the 20th Day of the ſixth Month, 1646, and had a liberal Education, and when young was much taken with the

gay Fopperies of the Times, and altho' she was not guilty of grofs Enormities, the Lord was pleased to reach unto her, and bring her through Judgment, in order to redeem her from the Evils of the World, and as she gave way to his Workings upon her own Heart, it pleased the Almighty to favour her with further Manifestations of his Love and Light, whereby she came to see her State and Condition as it really was in the Sight of God, and as she became obedient, Love and Light increased, and she was brought to know where he feeds his Flock, and causes them to rest at Noon-day: During the Time she was under the Work and Operation of the divine Power and Spirit of God in her own Heart, she had many outward Troubles and Trials to pass through in particular, when she was convinced of the blessed Truth, about the Year 1675, her Husband *Robert Archer*, who died about the Year 1688, shewed very great Aversion thereto, and would often express himself in very harsh Terms on that Occasion, though otherwise

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very good Husband, which made it more difficult for her to make open Profession, but yet she was preserved in the Truth, and lived to the End of her Days an Ornament to her *Christian* Profession. She was married in the Year 1697 to *John Dowden* of *Cranbrook* in the County of *Kent*, one of her own Persuasion, who departed this Life in the Year 1701, from which Time she continued a Widow. She was a Woman of extensive Charity, and very serviceable among her Neighbours, Relations and Friends, in Affairs both Religious and Civil, according to her Ability, accounting her outward Substance the Lord's, and she his Steward, which was so impress'd upon her Mind, that when she spake of it, she generally expressed herself thus: *The Lord hath lent me*, and instead of saying I will give, she would say, *I will hand*; and indeed it would far exceed the intended Account, just to hint the several Branches of her good Conduct. About the Beginning of the sixth Month 1734, inclining to make some Alterations in her

Will, ſhe ſent for a Kinſman, to whom ſhe communicated her Mind on that Head, and *deſired one might be drawn according to her Directions*; which being done, and ſhe taken ill, ſent for him again, who came with it, and when it was executed, ſhe expreſſed her Satisfaction, ſaying, *I wanted to ſettle the earthly Matters for the beſt, and now I am eaſy, I have nothing that lies as a Burthen or Load on my Mind, my Conſcience is clear, I have nothing to do but to die.* At another Time ſhe ſaid, *I long to be with Chriſt; Oh! how I am ſtraitened till this be accompliſhed:* Adding, *Oh! how the People called* Quakers *run out in Dreſs, and are altered from what they were in Days paſt; Oh! this World, I am weary of it.* Often admiring the Goodneſs of God in his providential Care over her, both temporally and ſpiritually; and adviſed all about her, *to keep low in their Minds, and not to let in a worldly exalted Spirit.* To her Kinſman taking his Leave of her, who ſaid the Lord bleſs thee, dear Aunt; ſhe anſwered, *Child, he does bleſs me, he does bleſs*

bleſs me. She often deſired Stilneſs, and to be alone; to her Kinſman's Wife, ſhe ſaid, *Child keep to Meetings.* At one Time, when ſhe was in an Agony, *ſhe deſired to die very quickly*, but catching her Words, ſhe pauſed a little, and then ſaid in a ſolemn manner, *Not my Will, but thine be done*; and ſhe continued in a heavenly Frame of Mind; her Kinſman aſking her, how it was with her, as to her inward Condition, after a ſhort Pauſe, ſhe anſwered, *Strong in the Lord, and ſtedfaſt in the Faith*; and he taking Leave of her, ſhe ſaid, *The Lord I hope will bleſs thee, and my laſt Love is to all, every Body, all the World.* She continued in great Pain until the 5th Day of the ſeventh Month 1734, and about ſix in the Evening ſhe fell aſleep, departing without Sigh or Groan, aged eighty five Years and upwards, leaving a ſweet Savour behind her, by her holy Life and godly Converſation.

Her Corpſe was carried from her own Houſe, to Friends Meeting-houſe at *Wanſworth*, attended by many Friends and Relations; and after a ſolid Meet-

ing, wherein divers living Teſtimonies were borne to the Truth, was interred in a ſolemn Manner in Friends Burying-ground there, on the 8th Day of the aforeſaid Month.

PEter Fearon, of *Sheaton* in the County of *Cumberland*, was born at *Great Broughton* in the ſaid County, in the Year 1651, and educated in the Way of the Church of *England*; about the fourteenth Year of his Age, he was bound Apprentice to our worthy Friend *John Banks*, and in the Time of his Apprenticeſhip he received the bleſſed Truth; and as he grew in the Life and Power thereof, it became his Concern to bear a publick Teſtimony to the Virtue and Excellency of it; and as he grew in the Miniſtry, his Heart was enlarged, and he travelled in the Service of the Goſpel in moſt Parts of this Nation, and viſited Friends in *Scotland* and *Ireland* ſeveral Times: And alſo in Company with our worthy Friend *James Dickenſon*, viſited Friends in *Holland*, and divers Parts of *Germany*, in which Places

Places he had good Service, being skilful in dividing the Word aright, sharp against the Hypocrites and Rebellious, yet tender to the Mourners and Disconsolate; he was an able Minister, sound in Doctrine, convincing to Gainsayers, confirming and edifying to the Churches; very serviceable in Meetings for Discipline, and zealously concerned for promoting good Order therein, being particularly gifted for that excellent Work: He was a diligent Attender of Meetings for the Worship of God, and also those for Discipline in his own Meeting at Home, and of good Service, tho' sharp against opposite Spirits that withstood the Truth; he was a patient Sufferer, and bore a faithful Testimony against the Payment of Tithes, and true to the other Branches of our *Christian* Testimony; free and open-hearted to entertain Friends that travelled for the Service of the Gospel; a kind and loving Husband, his godly Conversation adorned his Ministry; He was tender and loving to those that were young, in whom he perceived a

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and fro in the Earth to discharge that Truſt which God had committed to her; ſhe was moved and engaged in Mind to go and viſit the Iſle of *Man*, along with a Friend, where they both ſuffered Impriſonment for the Teſtimony's Sake. After which ſhe travelled into *Scotland*, and viſited Friends in that Nation; and ſhortly after was engaged to travel into *Wales*, and from thence through many Counties in the Weſt of *England*; in all which Travels ſhe was wonderfully borne up, and fitted for the Service ſhe was called unto: Soon after ſhe returned from theſe Travels, ſhe was married to our dear and worthy Friend *Peter Fearon*. She ſtill retained her Integrity, and was zealous for the Truth, and the Cauſe thereof, often bearing a living, and powerful Teſtimony, declaring the Univerſality of God's Love unto all the Children of Men, directing them unto that inward Means, the Promiſe of God unto all ſucceeding Ages, by the Mediation and Merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord and Saviour, *viz.* the Spirit of Truth, which is to lead us into all

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Truth, or as the Apoſtle expreſſeth it, *Chriſt in you the Hope of Glory.* After this ſhe travelled into *Ireland* and *Scotland* ſeveral Times, and met with a great many Beſetments and Difficulties in her Pilgrimage through this Life, too tedious here to mention: Through all which Travels and Services in the Truth, ſhe was preſerved in a clean pure and examplary Conduct; ſo that we may truly ſay, her Converſation adorned her Profeſſion. She was always very diligent in attending Meetings, even when by the Infirmities of Age it could not be expected; ſhe was endowed with a Capacity beyond many, ready in diſcerning, of a mature Judgment, and might truly be eſteemed a Mother in *Iſrael*: A loving Wife, an affectionate Mother, a kind Neighbour, and ready to do Good to all. Although it be our Loſs to part with ſo valuable a Friend, we are fully ſatisfy'd it is her everlaſting Gain, being gone beyond the Reach of all Diſturbance, where the wicked ceaſe from troubling, where all Sorrows and Tears are wiped away,

and the Soul received into eternal Tranquillity, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghoſt.

She calmly departed this Life the 18th Day of the ninth Month, 1737, in the eighty ſecond Year of her Age, having been near fifty Years a Miniſter; and was buried the 21ſt Day of the ſame Month, in Friends Burying-ground, at *Cockermouth* in *Cumberland*, being attended to her Grave by many Friends and others.

NONE of the Dying Sayings of the aforeſaid worthy ancient Friend being come to my Hand, that the Memory of ſo worthy a Woman, and faithful Servant and Miniſter of Chriſt, might be revived and perpetuated to Generations to come, on deliberate Conſideration, I concluded the foregoing brief Teſtimony concerning her well deſerved a Place in this Collection, for during the long and intimate Acquaintance I had with her, I received great Benefit and Advantage both by her Miniſtry and godly Converſation, which were

were truly informing and edifying to me, whenſoever it happened that I was favoured with her Company, and it may be truly ſaid, ſhe was not only a living Miniſter in the Church of Chriſt, but a nurſing Mother where ſhe ſaw any of the Youth under the Work of the divine Power, and preparing Hand of the Almighty, in order to the making them fit Veſſels for his Uſe; for which Service ſhe was particularly gifted and qualified, and made an Inſtrument of Help and great Good to many: In Confirmation whereof, and which induced me the more to publiſh it, that by the Ordering and Wiſdom of Providence, ſhe was at the firſt Meeting of Friends, which it was my Lot, more by Accident than Deſign, to drop into, and was the firſt Miniſter I ever heard who preached up Life and Salvation, and perfect Redemption out of the State of the Fall by Jeſus Chriſt our Lord, and the Sufficiency of that divine Principle that comes by him to effect this great and neceſſary Work, and bore Teſtimony to the Light of

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Chriſt in the Heart, the immediate Means whereby all Things reprovable are made manifeſt: Which Doctrine was ſuitably adapted to my Condition at that Time, I having before received and believed in that inward and divine Principle ſhe bore Teſtimony to, and known ſomething of the Work of it in my own Heart, but till that Time, in all my Searchings among Profeſſors of divers Names, I never met with any who held it to be ſufficient to ſave from all Sin, whilſt we are cloathed with theſe mortal Bodies; for I having never had any Converſation on religious Subjects with any Friend, nor read any of their Writings, was wholly ignorant of their Principles: I ever after highly eſteemed and valued her as a Meſſenger of Glad-tidings, and as one who bore Teſtimony to the Means by which the Captives might be ſet at Liberty, and be rendered capable of anſwering the End of their Creation, *viz.* to glorify that God who made them, and ſhew forth his Praiſe, whoſe Service ſhe faithfully

fully answered during her long Pilgrimage and Course through this World.

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Sarah Stephenson Daughter of *Daniel Stephenson* and *Hannah* his Wife, of *Kendal* in the County of *Westmoreland*, was a Child of a tender and weak Constitution, many Times out of Health, yet when any way better, of a bright and cheerful Countenance. During the whole Time of her Illness, she had a great Thought of a future State, and was often heard to pray to the Lord with great Fervency of Spirit, insomuch that several Times those about her were affected with a Sense of Divine Goodness; she would often be speaking of her going to her Brother *John*, who died in his Infancy some Years before, and that she would go to him, and much rather chose to die than live, which she several Times with great Earnestness signified. Her Mother one Time

Time aſked her, what was the Reaſon that ſhe ſeemed ſo deſirous to die, telling her, ſhe had many Privileges more than many poor Children; ſhe replied in a ſolid weighty manner, *If I die now I ſhall go to Heaven, but if I live longer, I know not how it may be with me.* At another Time when ſhe ſaw her Father under ſome Trouble, ſhe ſaid, *Dear Father do not grieve for me, for I ſhall be happy.* Another Time when ſhe perceived her Mother weeping ſhe ſaid, *Don't grudge my Happineſs, for I ſhall go to Heaven.* The Day before ſhe died, her Father aſked her if ſhe knew him, ſhe replied, *Yea, ſhe was like to know her dear Father*; and perceiving him under ſome Trouble, ſhe ſaid, *The Lord comfort thee.* Then her Nurſe enquiring what ſhe would have, ſhe replied with a pleaſing Smile, *It's no Matter for any natural Food.* At another Time a young Man came to viſit her, and aſked her how ſhe did; after ſome Silence, ſhe returned this Anſwer, *I am praying that I may be prepared for that holy Place, into which no unholy Thing muſt enter*;

the Perſon hearing thoſe Words, and conſidering the Frame of her Mind, it did ſo affect him, that it occaſioned many Tears, a ſober Neighbour, a Prieſt's Wife, who ſeveral Times came to ſee her, and heard ſome of her Expreſſions, turning to her Mother ſaid, You have great Reaſon to be content to hear what a happy Condition your Child is in; the Neighbour further added, I never heard the like in all my Life. Much more of the ſame Nature the Child ſpoke, but they neglecting to write it down, it cannot be ſo perfectly remembred. This is writ with earneſt Deſires, that thoſe who are young in Years may rightly conſider how ſhort and uncertain their Time may be here, ſo that through divine Aſſiſtance timely Preparation may be made, that at the Concluſion of Time, we may have Admittance into the heavenly Kingdom, into which no unclean Thing muſt enter, and of which we believe this young Plant had full Aſſurance. She departed this Life the 18th Day of the ſeventh Month,

Month, 1736, aged thirteen Years and three Months.

MArgaret Stones, Wife of John Stone of the City of York, Daughter of George Pain and Elizabeth his Wife was born at Littlepart in the Isle of Ely and County of Cambridge, and had the Privilege of a religious Education, her Mother being careful, as she herself declared, to instruct her Children early to live in the Fear and Love of God who was graciously pleased to visit her and overcome her Heart, and to draw her to love him again, when about ten Years of Age, for which she was humbly thankful to the End of her Days and as through the gradual Work of his Grace and Visitation of his Love she became obedient, she was prepared for Service, for about the nineteenth Year of her Age she was called into the Work of the Ministry, in which she laboured faithfully, as she declared a little before her Death, saying, that

had been careful in serving the Lord her known Duty, and had done what could, and had such Peace as gave Reason to think it was acceptable; d further said, *that she might not fall rt in that Point, whilst she was young d able, she industriously worked with her nds to provide herself Necessaries, as ch as might be*; in both which Re- cts, she expressed her great Satis- tion when near her End.

During the Time of her last Illness, she s divers Times drawn forth in a very ely manner to acknowledge the Lord's eat Love and Favour to her, at one ime expressing herself in Prayer to this ffect: *O Lord! thou hast been with me rough many Trials, and the various Ex- ises I have met with in this Life, thou st been my Support, thou was also with when on the great Ocean, and comforted , and those that were with me there at t Time; thou mighty God of* Jacob, *thankfully remember thy Kindness, thy therly Care and tender Dealings; Oh! pleased in thy Mercy to draw the arts of many after thee, reach to the*

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Her Affliction and great Pain being vy upon her, made the Time ſeem g and tedious, yet ſhe often acknow-ged *the abundant Mercy and Kindneſs God, who had preſerved her in the e of Temptation, and delivered her m the Jaws of Death, and kept her e to ſound forth his Praiſe near the ſhing of her Life*; and ſaid, *ſhe had hing to do but to die.*

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Testimonies given concerning her.
the 23d Day of the fifth Month, 17
being the sixth Day of the Week,
was seized with a violent *Fever*
Flux, which so increased upon her,
the third Day following, both her

and others present expected she would then have departed, but the Lord was pleased to continue her a little longer to testify of his Goodness for the Encouragement of the Living, for at this Time she was in a deep Travail of Spirit about her future State, and divers times would say, *Am I prepared? Am I prepared? Oh! that I might die the Death of the Righteous, and be numbred with them at the Right Hand. Oh Almighty God! prepare me for thy Kingdom of Glory.* And she earnestly intreated those about her to help with their Prayers, that her Passage might be made easy; a Friend present being moved thereto, kneeled down and prayed; during which Time, notwithstanding her extreme Pain, she lay still with great Attention, lifting up Hands and Eyes: A little after she said, *Father, I shall die, and am now very willing.* After some Time she said, *O most glorious God, now give me Patience I beseech thee, with Humility to bear what it shall please thee to lay upon thy poor afflicted Handmaid.* After this she intirely made

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Death her Choice, and would often ſay, *I had rather die and go to God, than continue in this World of Trouble*; adding, *When will the Meſſenger come? Oh! haſten thy Meſſenger.* Then turning to her Father, ſhe ſaid, *Oh! that I could launch away like a Boat that ſails, ſo I would go to my dear Brother who is gone to Heaven before me.* Deſiring thoſe preſent not to grieve; ſaying, *I am but going to a better Place.* Doctor *Owen* coming to viſit her, ſhe prayed him to ſit down by her, and ſaid, *All the Town knows thou art a good Doctor, but I knew from the Beginning that I ſhould die, and that all your Endeavours would ſignify nothing*; and added, *the Lord hath hitherto given me Patience, and I ſtill pray to him for more, that I may be enabled to hold out to the End, for my Extremity of Body is very great.* And ſhe earneſtly requeſted of her Parents to give her up freely to the Will of God, ſaying, *it would be better both for them and her ſo to do.* And when ſhe thought ſhe had prevailed, ſhe ſaid *Now I am eaſy in Mind.* And when

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ſome ſeemed to encourage her with Hopes of Recovery, ſhe ſaid, *Why is there ſo much to do about me who am but poor Duſt and Aſhes, we are all but as Clay, and muſt die; I am going now, another next Day, and ſo one after another the whole World paſſes away.* One taking Leave of her ſaid, I intend to ſee you again To-morrow; ſhe replied, *Thou mayſt ſee me, but I ſhall ſcarcely ſee thee any more, though I'll not be poſitive, God's Will be done.* She would divers Times ſay to her dear Mother, *Art thou ſorry I am going*; and to others about her, *Why are ye troubled and weep, ſeeing I am but going to a better Place*; adding, *Oh! that the Meſſenger would come, that my Glaſs was run.* At another Time ſhe ſaid, *O my dear Mother, I fear the Lord is diſpleaſed with me:* One anſwered, dear Child, why ſhouldſt thou entertain ſuch Thoughts? *Becauſe*, ſaid ſhe, *I am continued thus long to endure this Extremity of Body, which none knows but myſelf, nor can any think how great my Pains are*; but it pleaſed the Lord to remove her Doubt, for after-

wards she said to her Father, *I think the Lord has shewed me, I do not bear all this for myself only, Glory be to his infinite Name, there is nothing can be compared to him.* And when the *First-day* of the Week came, she asked *if her Mother intended to go to the Meeting*; who answered, no, she could not leave her dear Child in that Condition; then said she, *Let my Cousins go, for it may be the Lord will be displeased if all the Family stay at Home*; adding, *not to look upon one another, but to wait upon God.* She would repeatedly say, *she was freely resigned and willing to submit to the Will of God, whether in Life or Death,* and was frequent in Prayer to the Almighty, still humbly beseeching the Lord to grant her Patience, and divers Times put up her Supplications to him for *living Water, and that it might spring up in her unto eternal Life.* Not long before her Departure, she said, *Father, the Lord hath assured me I shall be happy*; it was answered, that is comfortable indeed; *ay*, replied she, *this is Matter of Joy and Rejoicing can my Soul say by*

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living Experience. When she took her Leave of her dear and only Sister, and her Cousin *Lloyd Zachary*, whom she dearly loved, she expressed herself thus: *Dear Sister, my Desires are that thou mayst fear God, be dutiful to thy Parents, love Truth, keep to Meetings, and be an Example of Plainness: Dear Cousin, be a good Boy, observe thy Uncle and Aunt's Advice, and the Lord will bless thee, and they will regard thee as their own, and do for thee.* During the Time of her Illness, she often spoke of her Funeral, and desired that Friends and others might be invited, mentioning divers by Name that were Non-residents, and and some Strangers who were lately come into the Country, lest they should be forgot. So she recommended her Spirit to God, saying, *Glory, Glory, Glory*; and as with the Sound of an Hymn, this innocent Maid closed her Eyes, and expired as one falling into a sweet Sleep, without Sign or Groan. She departed this Life the 2d Day of the sixth Month, 1714, aged eleven Years and about three Months.

An Abridgement of Thomas Chalkley's *Teſtimony concerning* Hannah Hill, *Junior*,

THERE is ſomething on my Mind to write in Memory of that dear innocent Soul *Hannah Hill*, Junior, who departed this Life in the twelfth Year of her Age in Peace with God, and in great Love and Unity with his People, and in much Aſſurance of her own eternal Happineſs.

I was well acquainted with this tender young Maiden for ſeveral Years before ſhe died, and I took good Notice of her Converſation, which was bright and ſhining in that which is commendable in Youth; Oh! ſaith my Soul, that the Youth of our Age, and this City, might follow her Example; ſhe was a Pattern of Piety, Plainneſs and Obedience to Parents, and of a womanly and obliging Temper unto all.

It was my Lot to be for ſome Months a Co-habiter in the Family, and I obſerved

ſerved that ſhe was always very dutiful to her Parents, loving to her Friends and Neighbours, and kind to the Servants both White and Black. I alſo obſerved, that many Times when other Children were at play in the Streets, ſhe would be either at her Book or Needle, at both which ſhe was dextrous, and it rather ſeemed a Delight to her than a Burden. She had an extraordinary Talent in reading the holy Scriptures, and other good Books, in which ſhe took much Delight; may the Minds of young People be ſtirred up by her Example to put the ſame in practice is my hearty Deſire.

This Teſtimony I have to give concerning her, that ſhe lived and died beloved, and the Loſs of her lamented by thoſe who knew her; one great Virtue I may not omit mentioning, which would be very becoming in *Chriſtians* of riper Years, *viz.* ſhe would often Sympathize with thoſe who were in Affliction, or under Exerciſe, of which I was a Witneſs, which greatly affected my Heart to conſider, that her Years were

ſo green and her Soul ſo ripe; may all who caſt their Eyes on theſe Lines, ſay with the Man of God of old, *Oh! that I had Wings like a Dove, for then would I fly away and be at Reſt.* Pſal. lv. 6.

An Abridgement of Griffith Owen's *Teſtimony concerning* Hannah Hill.

THE Lord hath been pleaſed in his great Love to give a Gift or Manifeſtation of his holy Spirit to the Sons and Daughters of Men, to ſhew unto them the Way to eternal Happineſs, and to help them to walk in it. And although it is univerſally extended, yet thoſe who give up their Hearts to obey and follow the Manifeſtations and Requirings thereof, do only find Favour with God, and are good Examples to Mankind in their Generation, Patterns of Righteouſneſs, Meekneſs, Humility, Self-denial, Patience, Temperance, Godlineſs, Brotherly-Kindneſs, and Charity, which are Fruits of the holy Spirit, which have evidently appeared

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in ſome of our Age when young in Years, amongſt whom may be recorded *Hannah Hill*, Daughter of *Richard Hill* and *Hannah* his Wife, of *Philadelphia* in *Penſylvania*; conſidering how ſhe ſpent that ſhort Time the Lord was pleaſed to give her in this World; her meek and godly Behaviour from a Child, her Dutifulneſs to her Parents, her Love and Good-will to all, but eſpecially to thoſe who walked in Obedience to the Truth. I knew her from a Child, and I never beheld any airy, light, indecent Behaviour or Expreſſions from her, but her Converſation was adorned with much Gravity, Modeſty, Meekneſs and Plainneſs: I was ſeveral Times with her when on her Death-bed, and was much tendered and comforted in a Senſe of the Love and Power of God that attended her, in which Time ſhe uttered many wiſe and heavenly Expreſſions, beyond what could be expected from one of her Age; I was made to ſay it is the Lord's Doings, and it is marvelous in my Eyes; but what can be written can add nothing to the State and Condition of the De-

ceaſed, whom the Lord, I believe, hath taken to himſelf to reſt in the Manſions of Glory for ever and ever. It is for the Sake of the Living I write this, and eſpecially with a Regard towards our young People, for whom my ſecret Cries and Prayers are often put up to the Lord, that he would be pleaſed to work upon their Hearts, as he did upon the Heart of this Maiden, a Willingneſs to forſake the Vanities, Follies, Pride, High-mindedneſs, and the many Evils which are in the World, and that they might be brought to live godly Lives, and by an innocent and righteous Converſation, the Work of Regeneration might clearly appear in all their Actions and Behaviour, that thoſe who converſed with them, and beheld their good Works, coupled with the Fear of God, might have Cauſe to acknowledge they are the Seed whom the Lord hath bleſſed.

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ISabella *Gerard*, Daughter of *Robert Gerard*, and *Anne* his Wife, of *Rotterdam* in *Holland*, was a young Woman of excellent Parts, modeſt and ſober, beyond many of her Years; ſhe was religiouſly inclined from a Child, and took great Delight in reading the holy Scriptures, and other Books on religious Subjects, and was obedient and affectionate to her Parents, who had carefully inſtructed her in the Way of Truth, as profeſſed by the People called *Quakers*. She laboured under a *Conſumption* and *Aſthma* for ſome Years, which Affliction ſhe bore with great Courage and Patience; but her Diſtemper increaſing very much ſome Months before her Death, ſhe would often ſay to her Mother, *Dear Mother, if it were not for thee, I ſhould be content to leave this World, but thou would miſs me much.* She kept her Chamber about two Weeks before her End, in which Time ſhe was very ſweet in her Spirit; the Day before

her Departure ſhe ſaid to her Mother, *Dear Mother, let nothing keep thee away from me*; having, as ſhe told her Mother afterwards, a Senſe that her End was near. About two Hours before ſhe departed, the Servants who were with her, perceiving ſome Change, called her Father and Mother, they being gone to Reſt; when they came to her, ſhe ſaid, *Dear Father and Mother, I am a dying, and if you had been with me, I believe I ſhould have died this Night, but I could not go without ſeeing you.* They being much affected, ſhe ſaid, *Do not grieve nor weep, ye do not ſee me weep; I am well content to go, give me up, I ſhall be well.* She ſpoke ſeveral Things to her Father and Mother in particular, with great Preſence of Mind, and of her Brothers and Siſters, they being all from Home at that Time, and deſired her *dear Love might be remembered to them, and that they would fear the Lord*; and added, *I hope you will have Comfort of them that are left.* Her Mother aſked her, if ſhe would have any of her Relations ſent for; ſhe anſwered, *No, I have*

I have thee and my Father, and that is enough; and when I wanted you, I had the Company of my ſweet Saviour; dear Mother, I cannot tell thee the Sweetneſs I have had upon my Spirit in this Time of my laſt Ilneſs, and ſome Time before; the Lord hath been with me in all my Weakneſs, which hath been a great Favour; he hath preſerved me from Evil when the Enemy would have drawn me into Deſpair and Murmuring, becauſe of the Greatneſs of my Oppreſſion and Weakneſs; and in this laſt Ilneſs I have not ſo much as had the leaſt Doubt on my Mind of my future Well-being, is not that a great Mercy? I have laboured for Content, and now I have got it, is not that a great Favour? Dear Mother, altho' I love thee dearly, and could have been contented to have lived a few Years longer with you, becauſe I know you will grieve for me, but I am content. Her Mother aſked her, if ſhe had any thing to ſay to ſome of her Relations; ſhe anſwered, *I fear there is little to be done with them, but remember my dear Love to them, and I would have them remember that they do*

not know how ſoon it may be their Lot to be in the ſame Condition as I am in. And ſpeaking of a Kinſwoman that ſhe thought too light and airy, ſhe ſaid, *What hard Work will ſhe find when ſhe comes to be as I am:* After that ſhe was a little ſtill, deſiring to lie in her Mother's Arms, but finding her Oppreſſion to increaſe, ſhe ſaid to her Mother, *pray unto the Lord that he would pleaſe to give me an eaſy Paſſage*; her Mother anſwered, dear Child, I have deſired it, and I believe thou wilt have an eaſy Paſſage; then ſhe prayed with a loud Voice unto the Lord, that he would bleſs her Father and Mother, and comfort them in their great Affliction, and in all their Afflictions, and bleſs them in all their Undertakings; and alſo for her Brothers and Siſter; and then ſaid, *farewel my dear Father, farewel my dear Mother, farewel; now I am going, ſpeak no more to me.* And ſo lying down on the Bed, ſhe ſweetly departed this Life without either Sigh or Groan, encountring the very Agonies of Death with uncommon Courage and Chearfulneſs

neſs of Mind, and we are perſwaded that ſhe is entered into the Joy of her Lord, having run a ſhort Race, but a painful Pilgrimage. She died the 25th Day of the eighth Month 1727, aged near twenty two Years.

Her Corpſe was accompanied by her Relations and Friends to the Ground where Friends uſually bury in *Rotterdam*, and decently interred the 28th Day of the ſame Month.

William Blundon was born in the Pariſh of *Kingſcleer* in the County of *Southampton*, in the Year 1655, and educated in the Way of the Church of *England*; and until about the twenty eighth Year of his Age he lived according to the Courſe of this World, in the reigning Vanities and ſinful Diverſions of the Times, having little Regard to Religion, till about that Time, being viſited with a lingering Illneſs, which brought him low, he began to conſider how he ſhould account for his miſpent Time;

Time; where-upon he in ſome meaſure reformed and left the eſtabliſhed Church, and joined with thoſe high Profeſſors the *Preſbyterians*, but did not find that Satisfaction he was in the Purſuit of; the Cowardlineſs of their Paſtor, who for Fear of Perſecution, left his Flock; and the lifeleſs Profeſſion of his Hearers, diſcovered to him the Foundation they were upon; yet he remained in Hopes to find ſomething more certain and ſubſtantial, and having heard of the People called *Quakers*, he inclined to go to one of their Meetings, to ſee if he could find what his Soul longed for; and accordingly he went to a Meeting in a right Diſpoſition of Mind, in great Humility, earneſtly deſiring of the Lord, that if they were a People who did in Truth enjoy the ſweet Influence of his Love and Life, that he might then be made a Partaker with them; and his Cries were anſwered, for in that Meeting he was made ſenſible of the Preſence of the living God, and found his Heart livingly touched and broken in a Senſe of the Goodneſs

Goodneſs of the Lord; *And Oh!* as he hath been heard to ſay, *let me never forget that Day; let me never forget the Bowings down of my Soul at that Time:* And we have good Reaſon to believe he never did forget it, for from that Time forward he came conſtantly to Friends Meetings, and by a circumſpect Conduct approved himſelf a religious, ſolid and good Man, and as he ſaid, *through many Trials within and without, he at length arrived to ſolid Peace of Mind.*

About the Year 1710 he found it his Duty ſometimes to bear Teſtimony to the Truth in our publick Meetings, and being faithful therein, the Lord, who often chooſeth the mean Things of this World, enlarged his Gift, and made him an acceptable Preacher of Gladtidings to many. In his Miniſtry he was very plain, ſevere againſt Pride, Licentiouſneſs, and every evil Way; but tender towards thoſe in whom were good Inclinations, wherever he found them; and as *Paul* adviſed *Timothy* to *rebuke thoſe that ſinned before all, that others*

others might beware, ſo this good Ma did without Reſpect of Perſons, being neither to be awed by Fear, nor biaſſed by Favour; it ſeemed to be the De light of his Soul to deliver the whole Counſel of God as revealed to him that he might be clear of the Blood of all Men; and tho' ſome might be ready to account him their Enemy for his plain Dealing, yet he thought it his Duty to warn them, whether they would hear or forbear; but to the Living among us, he was witneſſed to be a Son of Conſolation indeed, and a Waterer of the Vineyard of God: This was his Life and Delight, to enjoy the Life of God in his own Soul, and to recommend it to others; and as he had felt the Virtue of it, he was therefore a zealous and faithful Witneſs to it: This was what he laboured to ſettle all upon that they might come to feel Chriſt by the Power of his Spirit in their own Hearts, which might redeem them from all Iniquity, and purify them to him ſelf a peculiar People zealous of good Works; and the Word of Life had

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often been witneſſed to flow through him to the Conſolation and Comfort of the Church.

He continued freſh, green and living to the very laſt, and as he often ſaid, *the Guide of his younger Years was the Staff of his Age*; and in the Time of his Weakneſs adviſed Friends that came to ſee him, to keep to the Truth, and to hold it in the Power of it, that they might know it to keep them clean from the Evils of the World, and from the World's Ways, Faſhions and Spirit.

Some Weeks before his Death, a Friend of the Miniſtry going to viſit him, found him in a ſweet Frame of Mind, and he expreſſed his Deſire of Death rather than Life, if it were the Will of God; and ſaid, *I have done all that ſuch a poor old Man as I can do; I find nothing but I am clear of all; I have often ſpread my Caſe before the Lord with earneſt Breathings to him, that he would be pleaſed to ſhew me if any thing ſtood in my Way, if any thing in me was contrary to his Will; and I find there is nothing laid to my Charge, the great God*

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speaks Peace to me, and his pure Life is with me. Then applying himself to the Friend, he said, *Dear Friend, take Care of the Friendship and Love of this World to which thou art much exposed, and in thy Ministry to others; Oh! be careful and watchful, get down low, and abide low; take Care of selfish Thoughts, and of selfish Wisdom, and open not thy Mouth till the pure Life is witnessed to arise in thee, and then thou wilt answer and reach to the Life in others, and wilt enjoy Peace in thy own Mind; Oh! keep to the pure Sense of Life, and it will keep thee as it hath kept me all along to this Day:* With more Words to that Purpose; his Mind seeming to be quite weaned from this World, and full of divine Joy and Comfort, hoping to put off a weak and feeble Body, and to be cloathed with Immortality, that he might no longer as through a Glass, but Face to Face see and enjoy him, whom he loved and had served, and join the glorious Company and Church of the First-born above, and there rest with Saints and Angels, and the Spirits of the Just

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The Faith and approaching Prospect of this, as he said, made him contemn Death, yea, made him long for it, being no King of Terrors to him, but a welcome Messenger of a joyful Release, a Summons from Mortality to Immortality, from the Infirmities, Pains and Watchfulness of this Life, to the Joys and Comfort of an endless one.

He was beloved of his Neighbours for his just, humble, and inoffensive Life; and in the Church a bright Example of primitive Simplicity and Truth; great was his Love to God, and Zeal for his Name, labouring much in his own and neighbouring Meetings, tho' he never travelled much abroad, to bring the young Generation to a Sense of Truth, and to encourage and establish the Elders in it. He was an heavenly-minded Man; for though he was a Sojourner here, his Mind and Meditations were much in Heaven, so that with the Apostle *Paul* he might well say, *I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ liveth in me, and the Life which I now live in the Flesh I live by*

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the Faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me, Gal. ii. 20.

He was very diligent in attending Meetings, and careful to be exemplary in going one of the first to them, and so diligently exercised in them to retire down out of Self to the Springings of Life, that Sleepiness, even in others, was a very great Burthen to him; and it is a plain Evidence of a Want of that Exercise of Spirit, and Sense of that divine Presence, in which the great Benefit of our Meetings consists: In his Living he was very abstemious, which good Observation on a weak Constitution led him to, and by which his Life was lengthned out to a great Age.

He was, in brief, a Man much devoted to God and his Service, and who had, by living under a Sense of the Virtue and Power of the Spirit of God, gained a Conquest over the World, the Flesh and the Devil, and was renewed up in a good degree into the Image of him that created him, *Col.* iii. 10. and it may be said of him, that he was a just Man in his Generation, one who feared

God, and eſchewed Evil, whoſe Memory, as ſaith the *Wiſe Man*, is *bleſſed*.

His Weakneſs and Confinement were long, but that Part of it which ſeemed to uſher in Death, but of few Days Continuance; he was patient and ſenſible to the laſt Hour, and expreſt his Hope *that he was going*. He died with Eaſe as if he had fallen a-ſleep, and was taken from us in a good old Age, and hath left a ſweet Memorial behind him. He departed this Life the 19th Day of the firſt Month 1739-40, aged upwards of eighty four Years, and a Miniſter about 29 Years, and was buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Bagburſt* the 23d of the ſame Month.

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